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**CORNISH
NEW HAMPSHIRE**
March 1997

NOTICE

Please Read

TO DOG OWNERS:

- * All dogs over three months of age must be registered by May 1st.
- * Legal rates : males and females \$9.00, neutered males \$6.50, and spayed females \$6.50. Owner over 65 \$2.00 for first dog, regular rates for additional dogs.
- * Rabies certificates required for registration.
- * **Failure to register makes owners liable for a \$15.00 fine and a \$1.00 penalty per month after June 1st. It's the law!**
- * Owners are liable for free running dogs. If in doubt, check the state statutes RSA:466. The penalties are severe.
- * **Rabies Clinic** will be on April 12, 1997, from 10 a.m. until noon at the Cornish Flat Fire Station. Please have your dog/cat on a leash or in a carrier. Dog licenses will be available. The veterinarian will be Ginny Prince, D.V.M.

TO PROPERTY OWNERS:

- * The law provides that those who do not return their inventory forms by April 15 not only lose their right to appeal their taxes but are now subject to a fine of not less than \$10.00 but up to and not over \$50.00.

TO THOSE BUILDING NEW OR MAKING CHANGES:

- * The Town building code requires permits to construct or remodel any building. There are exceptions. Check first with the Selectmen.

TO THOSE OPERATING IN OR NEAR WETLANDS OR WATERWAYS:

- * RSA 438-A A Dredge & Fill application must be filed with the Town Clerk before commencing work. Fines can be assessed for noncompliance.

Your cooperation in the above matters will save time and money for you and cut costs of town government.— The Selectmen

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POLICE — 543-0535

AMBULANCE-RESQUE SQUAD — 675-2221

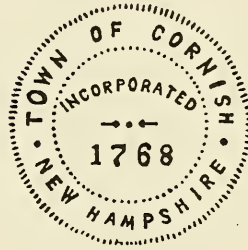
SELECTMEN — 675-5611

TOWN CLERK — 675-5207

TAX COLLECTOR — 675-5221

FAX -- 675-5605

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CORNISH
NEW HAMPSHIRE

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Cover Photo: Restored War Memorials at Cornish Flat
Rededicated Memorial Day 1996
Photo by Polly Rand



REDEDICATION OF THRASHER (COFFIN SHOP) BRIDGE, AUGUST 30, 1996

Five year old Sam Platt cut the ribbon while Robert Maslan, Cornish Selectman; Sheila Stone, Plainfield Selectperson; Peter Burling, Ethan Platt and others looked on. Photo by Ruth Rollins

TOWN OFFICERS OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Town Clerk - 3 years

Reigh H. Rock (1998)
Anne M. Hier, Deputy

Town Treasurer - 1 year

William Caterino
Brent B. Edgerton, Deputy

Moderator - 2 years

Peter H. Burling (1998)

Selectmen - 3 years

Stuart A. Hodgeman (1997)
Robert F. Maslan (1998)
Larry Dingee (1999)

Tax Collector - 1 year

Reigh H. Rock
Audrey Jacquier, Deputy

Supervisors of Checklist - 6 years

Robin Monette (1998)
Ruth G. Rollins (2000)
Leland E. Atwood (2002)

Trustee of Trust Funds - 3 years

Elizabeth Caterino (1997)
Shirley Sullivan (1998)
Barbara Rawson (1999)

Trustees of George H. Stowell Library - 3 years

Bernice F. Johnson (1997)
Kathryn H. Patterson (1998)
Pamela Gendron (1999)

Overseer of Welfare - 1 year

Martha Zoerheide
Connie Kousman, Assistant
Judy Kaufman, Assistant

Highway Agent - 1 year Albert Earle

Sexton - 1 year John J. Rock

Fence Viewers - 1 year

Alan Penfold	Leo Maslan
Anne and Fritz Hier	Fred Sullivan

Surveyors of Wood, Bark, & Lumber - 1 year

Orville Fitch	Reyer Jaarsma
Leo Maslan	James Neil
Robin Waterman	Fred Weld

Hog Reeves - 1 year

Tim Augustinowicz and Nina Lloyd
Reyer and Heidi Jaarsma
Michael Yatsevitch
John White

Representatives to the General Court - 2 years

Merle Schotanus, Grantham (1998)
Peter Hoe Burling (1998)

New Hampshire Executive Council - 2 years Raymond S. Burton (1998)

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Police Officers - By Selectmen

Phillip Osgood, Chief
Robert Webb
Scott Morse
Mike Yacano

Librarian - By Trustees of the Library

Katherine Freeland

Fire Chief - By Selectmen

Nathan Cass

Planning Board - By Selectmen - 3 years

Peter C. Storrs, Recording Sec (1997)
Anne M. Hier, Secretary (1997)
John Hammond, Vice Chair (1998)
Larry Dingee, for Selectmen
J. Cheston Newbold, Chairman (1998)
John J. Rock (1999)
Kathi Osterlund (1999)
Lee Baker, Alternate (1997)
Brian Meyette, Alternate (1999)
Nina Lloyd, Alternate (1998)

Zoning Board of Adjustment - By Moderator - 3 years

Keith Beardslee (1997)
Eric Webb, Clerk and Secretary (1998)
Caroline Storrs, Vice Chair (1998)
Karim Chichakly, Chairman (1999)
David Wood, Alternate
William S. Balch, Alternate
Bruce Tracy, Alternate
Dale Rook, Alternate

TOWN OFFICERS OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Conservation Commission - By Selectmen - 3 years

Don Snowdon (1997)
Rae Ann Melloh (1997)
Michael M. Yatsevitch (1997)
Stuart Hodgeman, for Selectmen
Nancy Newbold (1997)
Brian Meyette (1998)
Mariet Jaarsma (1998)
Herrika W. Poor, Chairman (1999)
Brook Moore, Alternate
Janice Orion, Alternate
Donna Bleazard, Alternate

Solid Waste Representatives - By Selectmen - 3 years

William Gallagher (1997)
Donna Bleazard, Alternate (1997)

Historic District Commission - By Selectmen - 3 years

Caroline Storrs (1998)
Nancy Newbold (1999)
Tony Neidecker (1999)
Stuart Hodgeman, for Selectmen
John Dryfhout, Alternate (1998)
Jenny Schad, Alternate (1999)
James Atkinson, Alternate (1999)
Nina Lloyd
Barbara Lewis

Recreation Committee - By Selectmen

Paul Queneau
Audrey Jacquier

Finance Committee - by Moderator - 3 years

Alan Penfold (1997)
Wilbur Overman (1997)
John Collins, Chairman (1997)
Harold Morse (1997)
Bradford Churchill (1997)
William Caterino (1998)

Cornish Recycling Committee

Donna Bleazard	Leigh Callahan
Connie Kousman	Barbara Atherton
Nancy Wightman	Janice Orion
Rev Wightman	Pat Pinkson-Burke
Richard Thompson	Paul Atherton

Capital Equipment Committee- By Selectmen

Peter Lynch	Larry Duval
Larry Dingee (Chairman)	Milt Jewell
Don MacLeay	Scott Baker

Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission- By Selectmen

J. Cheston Newbold Anne M. Hier Alt.

Records Preservation Committee - By Selectmen

Michael Yatsevitch MayBelle Rock
Hannah Schad Bernice Johnson, Chair

CT River Resource Comm-Local River Subcommittee - By Selectmen

Jeremiah Evarts

Overseer of Covered Bridges - By Selectmen

Leo Maslan

Emergency Management Civil Defense

Director - By Selectmen Robert Maslan

Town Office Grounds Cttee - By Selectmen

Don Snowdon, Chair	Leo Maslan
Jim Osterlund	Jack Rock
Ellen Ballard	Denielle Neily
Reigh Rock	Duane Churchill

New Highway Garage Cttee- By Selectmen

Gerald Baillargeon	James Neil
Albert Earle	Cheston Newbold
Jerry Esty	Alan Penfold
Mike Monette	Tom Spaulding
Nate Cass,Chairman	Jack Rock

Selectmen's Special Agent - By Selectmen

Stuart Hodgeman

Auditors - By Selectmen

Plodzick and Sanderson

APPOINTMENTS BY STATE

Health Officer - Teresa Masters

Jenny Schad, Asst

Forest Fire Warden - Nathan Cass

Forest Fire Deputy Wardens

Leo Maslan	Leland Atwood
Larry Dingee	Dale O'Connor
David Wood	Bob Rice

Ballot Clerks - By respective parties - 2 years

Marion Stone (R)	Paul Rollins (R)
Polly Monette (D)	Sally Budlong (D)

River Commission - By Governor

J. Cheston Newbold

1997 WARRANT

The State of New Hampshire

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Cornish, in the County of Sullivan, in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the School Gymnasium in said Cornish on Tuesday, the 11th of March, next at 10:00 of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

Articles 1 and 2 of the Warrant will be acted upon at 10:00 a.m. Voting will be by official ballot and checklist, and the polls will be open for this purpose and will remain open from 10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. at which time the polls will close. The business portion of Town Meeting will begin at 12:00 noon. **Articles 3 through 22** will be acted upon at that time.

Article 1: To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Article 2: Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Town. (A three-fifths vote is required for passage) (Article submitted by petition)

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$150,000 for the purpose of site preparation, which includes the removal of present buildings, and construction of a new highway garage to be located on town property at North Parsonage Road and to apply toward the cost of the project all grants received in addition to said sum; and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$150,000.00 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33); to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes, to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and to authorize the Selectmen to invest said monies; to authorize the Selectmen to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto. (The Selectmen recommend the passage of this article. Passage requires a two-thirds vote by paper ballot.) (Submitted by the New Highway Garage Committee)

Article 4: To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.

(a)	Town Office	45,950
(b)	Election, Registration, Vital Statistics	2,200
(c)	Audit Town Books	4,000
(d)	Revaluation of Property	3,000
(e)	Legal Expenses	5,000
(f)	Planning Board	1,000
(g)	Zoning Board of Adjustment	500
(h)	Grounds	2,550
(i)	General Government Buildings	11,750
(j)	Cemeteries and Perpetual Care	20,000
(k)	Insurance (Excluding medical)	36,000
(l)	Regional Assoc (UV LSRPC)	1,543
(m)	Town Records Preservation	3,500
(n)	Spirit Committee	1,000
(o)	Police Department	56,344
(p)	Rescue Squad	4,250
(q)	Ambulance	15,133
(r)	Fire Department	25,825
(s)	Emergency Management	50
(t)	Transfer Station Tickets	7,000
(u)	Recycling	1,500
(v)	Health Services	7,472
(w)	General Assistance	2,500

(x)	Parks & Recreation (CREA)	4,200
(y)	Patriotic Purposes	300
(z)	Conservation Commission Expenses	550
(z1)	Principal - Long Term Debt	32,800
(z2)	Interest - Long Term Debt	9,000
(z3)	Interest - Tax Anticipation Notes	20,000
(z4)	Public Library Fund	8,721
(z5)	County Tax	Necessary Amount

- Article 5:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 to be placed in the Conservation Commission Fund. (Submitted by the Selectmen) (The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article)
- Article 6:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000 to be placed in the Highway New Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. (Submitted by the Selectmen) (The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article)
- Article 7:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,000 to be placed in the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund. (Submitted by the Selectmen) (The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article)
- Article 8:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 to be placed in the Police Department New Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund. (Submitted by the Selectmen) (The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article)
- Article 9:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be placed in the Appraisal Reserve Fund. (Submitted by the Selectmen)(The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article)
- Article 10:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be placed in the Town Bridge Capital Reserve Fund. (Submitted by the Selectmen)(The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article)
- Article 11:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$292,927 for the maintenance of Class V Highways and Bridges and snow removal from town buildings and school grounds. The sum of \$210,603 shall be raised by taxes for the maintenance of Class V Highways and Bridges (and above mentioned snow removal), and the balance of \$82,324 to be received from the state as Highway Block Grant Funds for special maintenance projects on Class V Highways and Bridges. (Submitted by the Selectmen)
- Article 12:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell, through advertised sealed bid, the current highway garage facility located on Route 120 in Cornish Flat. The Cornish Fire Department would remain in the facility at no cost. Funds from the sale of subject building would be used to defray costs associated with construction of a new highway garage. (Submitted by the New Highway Garage Committee) (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article)
- Article 13:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to repair the Mercer Bridge on Platt Road. The sum of \$20,000 to be withdrawn from the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund. (The total cost of the project will be \$21,300. The remaining \$1,300 will be from Block Grant Funds) (Submitted by the Selectmen)
- Article 14:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to completely discontinue Walker Drive, a short Class VI road off Paget Road. (Submitted by Selectmen at the request of landowner)
- Article 15:** Shall we modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the Town of Cornish, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: For a person 65 years of

age up to 75 years, \$10,000; for a person 75 years up to 80 years, \$15,000; for a person 80 years of age or older \$20,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$18,000 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$25,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$40,000, excluding the value of the person's residence. (Submitted by the Selectmen)

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 202-A:4-d authorizing the library trustees to accept gifts of personal property, other than money, which may be offered to the library for any public purpose, provided, however, that no acceptance of personal property by the library trustees shall be deemed to bind the Town or the library trustees to raise, appropriate or expend any public funds for the operation, maintenance, repair or replacement of such personal property. This authorization shall remain in effect until rescinded by vote of the Town. (Submitted by the Library Trustees)

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the change in the purpose of the New Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund to include the purchase of used, as well as new, heavy highway equipment, and to change the name of the fund to The Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. (Submitted by the Selectmen at the request of the Capital Equipment Committee) (A two-thirds vote is required)

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell a town parcel of land, approximately 0.5 acres in size, Map 6, Lot 97, on the corner of Townhouse and South Parsonage Roads to the abuttor Brad and Martha Churchill for a price of \$500 plus any costs. (Submitted by the Selectmen.)

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of \$1,000 to participate in an Upper Valley Household Hazardous Waste Recycling Program. (Submitted by the Selectmen)

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the prepayment of taxes and to permit the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes as authorized under RSA 80:52a. (Submitted by the Selectmen)

Article 21: To hear reports of Officers, Agents, Auditors, and Committees heretofore chosen, and pass any vote in relation thereto.

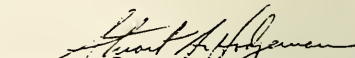
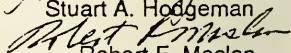
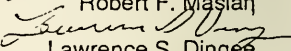
Article 22: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hand and seal, this 24th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety seven .

Stuart A. Hodgeman

Robert F. Maslan

Lawrence S. Dingee
True Copy Attest


Stuart A. Hodgeman

Robert F. Maslan

Lawrence S. Dingee
Selectmen of Cornish

**SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES OF
CORNISH TOWN MEETING
MARCH 12, 1996**

(A complete copy of the minutes is available in the Town Clerk's Office)

The minutes of the Cornish Town Meeting held Tuesday the 12th of March 1996. Peter Burling, Moderator of The Town Of Cornish, opened the polls at 10:00 am to begin the voting session of the Cornish Town Meeting. The Town Warrant was read in its entirety and Moderator Burling noted that the Warrant was properly certified by the Selectmen and that all the Selectmen's signatures were displayed on the back of the Warrant. Supervisors Of The Checklists signed both checklists and were sworn in by the Town Clerk, Reigh H. Rock. The business portion of the meeting began at 12:00 noon.

Article 1: Items printed on the ballots were voted on by the townspeople throughout the day. Article one was to choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year. The results of the voting are as follows:

Selectman for 3 years: Larry Dingee received 241 votes, Cheston Newbold received 4 votes, Bill Gallagher received 4 votes, John White received 4 votes, Harold Morse received 3 votes, Lee Baker received 1 vote, Rick Bean received 1 vote, Larry Duval received 1 vote, Anne Hier received 1 vote, Dave Wood received 1 vote, Dave Kibbie received 1 vote, Mike Yatsevitch received 1 vote, Don Snowdon received 1 vote, Fred Sullivan received 1 vote and John Rand received 1 vote. Larry Dingee was declared winner.

Town Treasurer for 1 year: William F. Caterino received 259 votes and was declared winner.

Tax Collector for 1 year: Reigh H. Rock received 266 votes, Harold Morse received 1 vote and Cathy Dubey received 1 vote. Reigh H. Rock was declared winner.

Trustee of Library for 3 years: Pamela Gendron received 253 votes, Virginia Gage received 3 votes, Susan Weld received 1 vote, Kathryn Patterson received 1 vote, Kate Freeland received 1 vote, Nancy Newbold received 1 vote and Curt Wyman received 1 vote. Pamela Gendron was declared winner.

Trustee of Trust Funds for 1 year: Barbara Rawson received 264 votes and Karen Laplante received 1 vote. Barbara Rawson was declared winner.

Overseer of Welfare for 1 year: Martha Zoerheide received 263 votes and Bernice Johnson received 1 vote. Martha Zoerheide was declared winner.

Highway Agent for 1 year: Albert F. Earle received 228 votes, Harold Morse received 20 votes, Mike Duval received 6 votes, Kay Kibbie received 2 votes, Larry Dingee received 1 vote, Bob Maslan received 1 vote, Milt Jewell received 1 vote, Tom Spaulding received 1 vote, Jim Lukash received 1 vote and John Rock received 1 vote. Albert F. Earle was declared winner.

Sexton for 1 year: John J. Rock received 267 votes, Peter Burling received 1 vote, John Rawson received 1 vote and William Ladd received 1 vote. John J. Rock was declared winner.

Moderator for 2 years: Peter Burling received 261 votes, Ruth Rollins received 3 votes, George Edson received 3 votes, Cheston Newbold received 1 vote, Kay Kibbie received 1 vote and George Papps received 1 vote. Peter Burling was declared winner.

Supervisor Of Checklist for six years: Leland Atwood received 264 votes and was declared winner.

Article 2: Question 1: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Add to Article II, "Definitions", a definition of "General Store", and add to Article IV Use Regulations and General Provisions relating to a general store. This amendment is submitted by the Selectmen and has the approval of the Planning Board.	251 YES	19 NO
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Question 2: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article IV, Use Regulations and General Provisions relating to Cottage Industry. This amendment is submitted by the Selectmen and has the approval of the Planning Board.	221 YES	40 NO
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Question 3: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Add to Article II, "Definitions", a definition of "Expanded Cottage Industry", and add to Article IV use Regulations and General Provisions relating to Expanded Cottage Industry. This amendment is submitted by the Selectmen and has the approval of the Planning Board. 213 YES 47 NO

Article 3: To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.

(a)	Town Office	42,500
(b)	Election, Registration, Vital Statistics	4,400
(c)	Audit Town Books	4,000
(d)	Revaluation of Property	3,000
(e)	Legal Expenses	5,000
(f)	Planning Board	1,000
(g)	Zoning Board of Adjustment	500
(h)	Grounds	2,550
(i)	General Government Buildings	15,950
(j)	Cemeteries and Perpetual Care	20,000
(k)	Insurance (Excluding medical)	33,000
(l)	Regional Assoc (UV LSRPC)	1,543
(m)	Town Records Preservation	3,000
(n)	Spirit Committee	1,000
(o)	Police Department	56,069
(p)	Rescue Squad	4,875
(q)	Ambulance	14,000
(r)	Fire Department	29,075
(s)	Emergency Management	2,450
(t)	Transfer Station Tickets	7,000
(u)	Recycling	1,500
(v)	Health Services	7,472
(w)	General Assistance	2,500
(x)	Parks & Recreation (CREA)	4,200
(y)	Patriotic Purposes	300
(z)	Conservation Commission Expenses	550
(z1)	Principal - Long Term Debt	32,800
(z2)	Interest - Long Term Debt	6,720
(z3)	Interest - Tax Anticipation Notes	15,000
(z4)	Public Library Fund	8,270
(z5)	Conservation Commission Fund	3,000
(z6)	Highway New Heavy Equip. Capital Reserve Fund	35,000
(z7)	Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund	13,000
(z8)	Police Department New Police Cruiser	
	Capital Reserve Fund	4,000
(z9)	Appraisal Reserve Fund	5,000
(z10)	Town Bridge Capital Reserve Fund	10,000
(z11)	County Tax	Necessary Amount

Articles (a) through (g) and (i) through (z11) were voted on in the affirmative. Article (h) was amended to \$10,950 and voted on in the affirmative.

After a short break Rickie Poor gave out the Conservation Commission Award to honor Bob Alves, Richard Avery and Larry and Jean Duval for their work with the Boy Scouts.

Stuart Hodgeman inquired if the Town still wants a user pay system as far as disposing of their trash. The Town has a bill from the trash district of about \$6000.00 but the Selectmen did not have the authority to pay it. A show of hands reaffirmed that it was the responsibility of the individuals to take care of their own trash and not the responsibility of the Town.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$297,891 for the

maintenance of Class V Highways and Bridges and snow removal from town buildings and school grounds. The sum of \$222,603 shall be raised by taxes for the maintenance of Class V Highways and Bridges (and above mentioned snow removal), and the balance of \$75,288 to be received from the state as Highway Block Grant Funds for special maintenance projects on Class V Highways and Bridges.

A motion to amend the main motion to include a 2.3% increase cost of living raise for the Highway Department was made by Mike Barber. The motion was seconded by Peter Lynch and with a show of hands was voted on in the affirmative. Brian Meyette moved that the new person and the related costs be deleted from the budget. The motion was seconded by Peter Lynch. By a show of hands it was voted on to delete the new person from the budget with 62 yes - 55 no. Bob Bladen made a motion to amend the sum to \$285,891.00. Dale Rook seconded the motion and the motion to amend was voted on in the affirmative. The new amounts are \$210,603.00 for maintenance of Class V Highways and Bridges and \$75,288.00 to be received from the Block Grant Funds. It was then voted on in the affirmative.

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$22,733 to be withdrawn from the New Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund for the purchase of a new police cruiser and related radio and emergency equipment. Any funds remaining from the sale of the present cruiser to be deposited in the Police Department New Police Cruiser Capital Reserve fund. Voted on in the affirmative.

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 for a numbering and lettering machine and materials to make road signs. Fred Sullivan moved to amend that \$500.00 be taken from the Beaman Guide Board Fund and \$2500.00 to be raised by taxes. The motion was seconded by Robert Kibbie and voted on in the affirmative.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of \$1,000 to participate in an Upper Valley household hazardous waste recycle program. Voted on in the affirmative.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$66,230 to be withdrawn from the New Heavy Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for a Town Highway Truck. Any funds remaining from the sale of the present truck to be deposited in the New Heavy Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. Voted on in the affirmative.

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$3900 to lease computer software for the Town Clerk and Tax Collector. Voted on in the affirmative.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$140,000 for the replacement of the Coffin Shop Bridge and to accept and expend the NHDOT Bridge Aid Program Grant in the amount of \$112,000 to offset the cost of this project. The amount to be raised through taxation is \$28,000. Voted on in the negative. Stuart moved to amend up to \$139,650.00 for the replacement of the Coffin Shop Bridge and to accept and expend the NHDOT Bridge Aid Program Grant in the amount of up to \$126,768.00. The amount to be raised through taxation is up to \$12,882.00. This motion to amend was seconded by John White and voted on in the affirmative.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to establish a committee to be named the *New Highway Garage Facility Committee* and to appoint its members, its charge to be the presentation to the 1997 Town Meeting of both a biddable set of plans and a funding proposal for construction of a new Highway Garage facility; and to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 to fund the activities of said committee. The selectmen strongly recommend this article. Voted on in the affirmative

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to increase the term of the Town Highway Agent position from one (1) year to three (3) years, beginning with the term of the Highway Agent to be elected at next year's regular Town Meeting. (To be voted on by paper ballot.) Voted on in the affirmative.

Article 13: Shall we adopt an exemption for the totally and permanently disabled as described in RSA 72:37-b: The exemption, based on assessed values, for qualified taxpayers shall be \$25,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years and own and occupy the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by a spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$15,000 or, if married, a combined net income of not more than \$20,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$40,000 excluding the value of the person's residence. **Voted on in the affirmative.**

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen, indefinitely, until rescinded, to accept on behalf of the Town gifts, legacies and devises made to the Town in trust for any public purpose, as permitted by RSA 31:19. **Voted in the affirmative.**

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the prepayment of taxes and to permit the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes as authorized under RSA 80:52a. **Voted on in the affirmative.**

Article 16: To hear reports of Officers, Agents, Auditors, and Committees heretofore chosen, and pass any vote in relation thereto.

Article 17: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting. Joe Osgood moved that the Town allow the Selectmen to form a **committee to bring Town and School together** in order to work together to find ways to lower costs and reduce taxes. The motion was seconded by Jim Osterlund and voted on in the affirmative. It was decided that the committee consist of two Selectmen, two School Board representatives and a couple other people. Brian Meyette made a motion that the voters of Cornish would like to have the **School meeting the Saturday before Town meeting**. Peter Lynch seconded the motion and it was voted on in the affirmative. Moderator Burling wanted the minutes to indicate there was concern by some to define the date as the Saturday prior to Town Meeting as it would rule out the possibility of being a suggestion of the committee next year.

Anne Hier moved that the Town keep the same members of **Surveyors of Wood, Bark and Lumber**. Alan Penfold seconded the motion and it was voted on in the affirmative. The members being, Orville Fitch, Leo Maslan, Robin Waterman, Reyer Jaarsma, James Neil and Fred Weld.

Polly Rand moved that **Hog Reeves** for the year should be Tim Augustinowicz, Nina Lloyd. Anne Hier nominated Reyer & Heidi Jaarsma, Jim Neil nominated Mike Yatsevitch and Mike Monette nominated retiring Selectman, John White, as chairman. These names were seconded by Reigh Rock and voted on in the affirmative.

Bob Maslan made a motion to keep the same people on as **Fence Viewers**. This was seconded by Stuart Hodgeman. Those people being: Alan Penfold, Anne & Fritz Hier, Leo Maslan and Fred Sullivan. Moderator Burling said this was an ancient custom. It was originally a mediator service to find out where the property lines were. He said Alan Penfold went out to relocate the Cornish lines and picked up some real estate. He also picked up an additional High School student to educate. Nice going Alan!!

Bob Maslan moved the meeting be suspended at 5:25 pm, this was seconded by Stuart Hodgeman and voted on in the affirmative. The voting continued until 7:00 pm. at which time Moderator Burling closed the polls and the counting of ballots began.

Respectfully Submitted,

Reigh Helen Rock
Town Clerk

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON FINANCIAL PRESENTATION

To the Members of the
Board of Selectmen
Town of Cornish
Cornish, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying general-purpose financial statements of the Town of Cornish as of and for the year ended December 31, 1995. These general-purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general-purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general-purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general-purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general-purpose financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The general-purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the general fixed assets account group which should be included in order to conform with generally accepted accounting principles. As is the case with most municipal entities in the State of New Hampshire, the Town of Cornish has not maintained historical cost records of its fixed assets. The amount that should be recorded in the general fixed assets account group is not known.

In our opinion, except for the effect on the financial statements of the omission described in the preceding paragraph, the general-purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Cornish, as of December 31, 1995, and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its nonexpendable trust funds for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The combining and individual fund financial statements listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general-purpose financial statements of the Town of Cornish. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general-purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

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April 16, 1996

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S COMMUNICATION OF REPORTABLE CONDITIONS AND OTHER MATTERS

To the Members of the
Board of Selectmen
Town of Cornish
Cornish, New Hampshire

In planning and performing our audit of the Town of Cornish for the year ended December 31, 1995, we considered the Town's internal control structure in order to determine the scope of our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements. Our review of these systems was not intended to provide assurance on the internal control structure and should not be relied on for that purpose.

Under the standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control structure that, in our judgment, could adversely affect the Town's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements. A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors or irregularities, in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited, may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might constitute reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses as defined above.

We are pleased to report that, during the course of our review of internal controls, no material weaknesses in the Town's accounting systems and records were identified. Minor weaknesses or other considerations coming to our attention were generally procedural in nature and dealt with administrative or recordkeeping practices. In these instances, we made specific recommendations or provided instruction to those individuals involved during the course of our audit fieldwork.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and others within the administration. This restriction is not intended to limit distribution of this report, which is a matter of public record.

*Plodzik & Sanderson
Professional Association*

April 16, 1996

1997 BUDGET

TOWN OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Statement of Revenues

	1996 Estimate	1996 Actual	1996 + (-)	1997 Estimate	Estimate + (-)
TAXES					
Land Use Change Taxes	1,000	2,491	1,491	1,000	0
Yield Taxes	10,000	4,832	(5,168)	10,000	0
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	101	112	11	112	11
Interest & Penalty on Taxes	25,000	32,567	7,567	25,000	0
LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES					
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	120,000	150,047	30,047	135,000	15,000
Building Permits	100	680	580	500	400
Dog Licenses and Fines	1,500	1,292	(209)	1,500	0
Other Permits and Fees	300	246	(54)	300	0
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE & FEDERAL					
FEMA-Dam Reimbursement	2,000	1,919	(81)		(2,000)
Shared Revenue	24,762	24,762	0	24,762	0
Highway Block Grant	75,288	75,288	(0)	82,324	7,036
Railroad Tax & Other	2,365	2,365	0	2,365	0
Bridge Aid	126,768	123,587	(3,181)		(126,768)
CHARGES FOR SERVICES					
Zoning Board Fees	100	255	155	100	0
Planning Board Fees	300	667	367	300	0
Zoning/Subdivision Reg. Sales	85	95	10	85	0
Burial Fees	1,500	1,160	(340)	1,500	0
Highway Department Income	50	0	(50)	50	0
Police Department Income	6,870	6,960	90	6,870	0
Fire Department Income	200	42	(158)	200	0
Recycling Income	200	414	214	200	0
Transfer Station Ticket Sales	7,000	7,040	40	7,000	0
MISCELLANEOUS SOURCES					
Insurance Dividends	23,000	31,296	8,296	23,000	0
Rental of Town Property	600	750	150	400	(200)
Interest on Investments	15,000	31,093	16,093	20,000	5,000
Other Sources	1,000	3,541	2,541	1,000	0
OPERATING TRANSFERS IN					
Trust & Special Revenue Funds	5,225	4,316	(909)	5,225	0
Capital Reserve Funds	88,963	87,942	(1,021)	20,000	(68,963)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES					
Proceeds form long-term bonds			0	150,000	150,000
Use of Fund Balance	39,520		(39,520)	37,788	(1,732)
TOTAL REVENUES	578,797	595,758	16,961	556,581	(22,216)

Source: MS-4

1997 BUDGET
TOWN OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures

1997 Warrant Article	1996 Final Approp.	1996 Actual Expend	1996 Over (Under)	1997 Proposed Budget	Budget Increase (Decrease)
4 GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
a Town Office	46,400	45,196	(1,204)	45,950	(450)
b Election/Reg/Vital Stats	4,400	3,941	(459)	2,200	(2,200)
c Audit Town Books	4,000	3,800	(200)	4,000	0
d Revaluation of Property	3,000	3,208	208	3,000	0
e Legal Expenses	5,000	2,180	(2,820)	5,000	0
f Planning Board	1,000	668	(332)	1,000	0
g Zoning Board	500	146	(354)	500	0
h Grounds	2,550	2,462	(88)	2,550	0
i General Government Building	10,950	13,367	2,417	11,750	800
j Cemeteries/Perpetual Care	20,000	18,823	(1,177)	20,000	0
k Insurance(Exc. Medical)	33,000	35,364	2,364	36,000	3,000
l Regional Assn(UVLSRPC)	1,543	1,543	0	1,543	0
m Town Records Preservation	3,000	2,993	(7)	3,500	500
n Spirit Committee	1,000	135	(865)	1,000	0
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	136,343	133,826	(2,517)	137,993	1,650
PUBLIC SAFETY					
o Police Department	56,069	52,400	(3,669)	56,344	275
p Rescue Squad	4,875	4,875	0	4,250	(625)
q Ambulance	14,000	13,761	(239)	15,133	1,133
r Fire Department	29,075	28,864	(211)	25,825	(3,250)
s Emergency Management	2,450	1,769	(681)	50	(2,400)
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	106,469	101,668	(4,801)	101,602	(4,867)
HIGHWAYS, STREETS & BRIDGES					
11 Class V Highways	210,603	210,493	(110)	210,603	0
11 Highway Block Grant	75,288	75,288	0	82,324	7,036
TOTAL HIGHWAY DEPT	285,891	285,781	(110)	292,927	7,036
SANITATION					
t Transfer Station Tickets	7,000	7,200	200	7,000	0
u Recycling	1,500	424	(1,076)	1,500	0
TOTAL SANITATION	8,500	7,624	(876)	8,500	0
HEALTH AND WELFARE					
v Health Services	7,472	7,283	(189)	7,472	0
w General Assistance	2,500	1,691	(809)	2,500	0
TOTAL HEALTH & WELFARE	9,972	8,974	(998)	9,972	0

1997 BUDGET
TOWN OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures

1997 Warrant Article	1996 Final Approp.	1996 Actual Expend	1996 Over (Under)	1997 Proposed Budget	Budget Increase (Decrease)
CULTURE & RECREATION					
x Parks & Recreation(CREA)	4,200	4,130	(70)	4,200	0
y Patriotic Purposes	300	290	(10)	300	0
TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION	4,500	4,420	(80)	4,500	0
CONSERVATION					
z Conservation Commission	550	487	(63)	550	0
TOTAL CONSERVATION	550	487	(63)	550	0
DEBT SERVICE					
z1 Principal-Long-Term Debt	32,800	32,800	0	32,800	0
z2 Interest-Long-Term Debt	6,720	6,688	(32)	9,000	2,280
z3 Interest-Tax Anticip. Notes	15,000	20,541	5,541	20,000	5,000
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	54,520	60,028	5,508	61,800	7,280
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT					
z4 Public Library Fund	8,270	8,270	0	8,721	451
5 Conservation Fund	3,000	3,063	63	3,000	0
6 Highway Capital Reserve	35,000	35,000	0	35,000	0
7 Fire Capital Reserve	13,000	13,000	0	13,000	0
8 Police Capital Reserve	4,000	4,000	0	4,000	0
9 Appraisal Reserve Fund	5,000	5,000	0	5,000	0
10 Bridge Capital Reserve	10,000	10,000	0	10,000	0
TOTAL TRANSFERS OUT	78,270	78,333	63	78,721	451
TOTAL BEFORE CAPITAL/OTHER	685,015	681,141	(3,874)	696,565	11,550
CAPITAL OUTLAY & OTHER ARTICLES					
95 Perambulation(10)		450	450		
96 Cruiser Replacement(5)	22,733	22,565	(168)		(22,733)
96 Lettering Machine(6)	3,000	0	(3,000)		(3,000)
96 Truck Replacement(8)	66,230	65,377	(853)		(66,230)
96 Coffin Shop Bridge(10)	139,650	135,083	(4,567)		(139,650)
96 Highway Garage Plans(11)	3,000	78	(2,922)		(3,000)
3 New Highway Garage				150,000	150,000
13 Bridge Repair				20,000	20,000
19 Hazardous Waste	1,000	626	(374)	1,000	0
TOTAL CAPITAL & OTHER	235,613	224,179	(11,434)	171,000	(64,613)
TOTAL TOWN APPROPRIATIONS	920,628	905,320	(15,308)	867,565	(53,063)
z5 County Appropriation	192,538	192,538	0	Necessary Amount	

Source: MS-6

ESTIMATED TAX BURDEN

TOWN OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

1997 Warrant Article	1997 Proposed Budget	1997 Estimated Revenue	Estimated Tax Burden	Rate Per \$1000
4 GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
a Town Office	45,950	1,800	44,150	0.54
b Election/Reg/Vital Stats	2,200		2,200	0.03
c Audit Town Books	4,000		4,000	0.05
d Revaluation of Property	3,000		3,000	0.04
e Legal Expenses	5,000		5,000	0.06
f Planning Board	1,000	385	615	0.01
g Zoning Board of Adjustment	500	100	400	0.00
h Grounds	2,550		2,550	0.03
i General Government Buildings	11,750	400	11,350	0.14
j Cemeteries & Perpetual Care	20,000	6,675	13,325	0.16
k Insurance(Excluding Medical)	36,000	23,000	13,000	0.16
l Regional Assn(UVLSRPC)	1,543		1,543	0.02
m Town Records Preservation	3,500		3,500	0.04
n Spirit Committee	1,000		1,000	0.01
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	137,993	32,360	105,633	1.28
PUBLIC SAFETY				
o Police Department	56,344	6,870	49,474	0.60
p Rescue Squad	4,250		4,250	0.05
q Ambulance	15,133		15,133	0.18
r Fire Department	25,825	200	25,625	0.31
s Emergency Management	50		50	0.00
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	101,602	7,070	94,532	1.15
HIGHWAYS, STREETS & BRIDGES				
11 Class V Highways	210,603	50	210,553	2.56
11 Highway Block Grant	82,324	82,324	0	0.00
TOTAL HIGHWAYS, STREETS, BRIDGES	292,927	82,374	210,553	2.56
SANITATION				
t Transfer Station Tickets	7,000	7,000	0	0.00
u Recycling	1,500	200	1,300	0.02
TOTAL SANITATION	8,500	7,200	1,300	0.02
HEALTH AND WELFARE				
v Health Services	7,472	1,500	5,972	0.07
w General Assistance	2,500		2,500	0.03
TOTAL HEALTH AND WELFARE	9,972	1,500	8,472	0.10

ESTIMATED TAX BURDEN
TOWN OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

1997 Warrant Article		1997 Proposed Budget	1997 Estimated Revenue	Estimated Tax Burden	Rate Per \$1000
CULTURE & RECREATION					
x	Parks & Recreation(CREA)	4,200		4,200	0.05
y	Patriotic Purposes	300	50	250	0.00
	TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION	4,500	50	4,450	0.05
CONSERVATION					
z	Conservation Commission	550		550	0.01
	TOTAL CONSERVATION	550	0	550	0.01
DEBT SERVICE					
z1	Principal-Long-Term Debt	32,800	32,800	0	0.00
z2	Interest -Long-Term Debt	9,000	4,988	4,012	0.05
z3	Interest-Tax Anticip. Notes	20,000	20,000	0	0.00
	TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	61,800	57,788	4,012	0.05
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT					
z4	Public Library Fund	8,721		8,721	0.11
5	Conservation Commission Fund	3,000		3,000	0.04
6	Highway Capital Reserve	35,000		35,000	0.42
7	Fire Capital Reserve	13,000		13,000	0.16
8	Police Capital Reserve	4,000		4,000	0.05
9	Appraisal Reserve Fund	5,000		5,000	0.06
10	Bridge Capital Reserve	10,000		10,000	0.12
	TOTAL OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT	78,721	0	78,721	0.96
OTHER OFFSETTING REVENUE					
	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		135,000	(135,000)	-1.64
	Interest and Penalty on Taxes		25,000	(25,000)	-0.30
	Other Taxes and Fees		11,112	(11,112)	-0.13
	Unrestricted State Revenue		27,127	(27,127)	-0.33
	TOTAL BEFORE CAPITAL & OTHER	696,565	386,581	309,984	3.76
CAPITAL OUTLAY & OTHER ARTICLES					
3	New Highway Garage	150,000	150,000	0	0.00
13	Bridge Repair	20,000	20,000	0	0.00
19	Hazardous Waste Recycling	1,000		1,000	0.01
	TOTAL CAPITAL & OTHER	171,000	170,000	1,000	0.01
	TOTAL TOWN APPROPRIATIONS	867,565	556,581	310,984	3.77
Add: Refunds, Abatements & Credits				27,240	0.33
Deduct: State Shared Revenues				(8,774)	-0.11
	TOTAL TO BE RAISED BY TAXES			329,450	4.00

GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET

TOWN OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

	December 31 1996	December 31 1995
ASSETS		
Cash-Checking Account	33,443	51,560
Petty Cash	200	100
Investments-US Obligations	594,935	500,000
Uncollected Property Taxes	273,229	289,190
Uncollected Land Use Taxes	2,491	
Uncollected Yield Taxes	744	2,024
Unredeemed Taxes	<u>93,754</u>	<u>80,838</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>998,796</u>	<u>923,711</u>
 LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE		
Accounts Payable	39,000	
Due to School District	713,631	712,721
Deferred Tax Revenue	6,000	5,700
Fund Balance:		
Reserved for Encumbrances	3,000	500
Undesignated	<u>237,165</u>	<u>204,790</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	<u>998,796</u>	<u>923,711</u>

Source: MS-5-Part 2

STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

TOWN OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Year Ended December 31, 1996

	Budget	Actual	Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES			
Property taxes assessed	2,108,634	2,109,669	1,035
Less war service credits	(12,600)	(12,600)	0
Property tax commitment	2,096,034	2,097,069	1,035
Less refunds, abatements & adj.	(14,640)	(13,068)	1,572
Net property tax revenue	2,081,394	2,084,001	2,607
Other taxes	36,101	40,002	3,901
Licenses, permits & fees	121,900	152,265	30,365
Federal government	2,000	1,919	(81)
State of New Hampshire	265,289	262,108	(3,182)
Income from departments	16,305	16,633	328
Miscellaneous sources	39,600	66,680	27,080
Operating transfers in	5,225	4,316	(909)
Capital reserve funds	88,963	87,942	(1,021)
TOTAL REVENUES	2,656,777	2,715,864	59,087
EXPENDITURES			
General government	136,343	133,826	2,517
Public safety	106,469	101,668	4,801
Highways, streets, bridges	285,891	285,781	110
Sanitation	8,500	7,624	876
Health	7,472	7,283	189
Welfare	2,500	1,691	809
Culture and recreation	4,500	4,420	80
Conservation	550	487	63
Debt service	54,520	60,028	(5,508)
Capital and other articles	313,883	302,512	11,371
County appropriation	192,538	192,538	0
School appropriation	1,583,131	1,583,131	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	2,696,297	2,680,989	15,308
Less carryovers from prior year		(500)	500
Plus carryovers to next year		3,000	(3,000)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & CARRYOVERS	2,696,297	2,683,489	12,808
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER			
NET EXPENDITURES AND CARRYOVERS	(39,520)	32,375	71,895
Fund Balance January 1, 1996	204,790	204,790	
FUND BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1996	165,270	237,165	71,895

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

TOWN OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

	1996 Proposed Budget	1996 Actual Expend	1996 Over (Under)	1997 Proposed Budget	Budget Increase (Decrease)
TOWN OFFICE					
Salaries and wages	23,200	21,905	1,295	23,000	(200)
FICA(SS)-Town portion	2,100	2,509	(409)	2,300	200
Advertising	250	37	213	250	0
Memberships	600	733	(133)	750	150
Postage	1,600	1,769	(169)	1,800	200
Computer services-Datown	1,500	85	1,415	0	(1,500)
Computer lease & service	3,900	3,384	516	3,900	0
Computer maintenance	1,000	91	909	1,000	0
Office supplies	2,000	2,409	(409)	2,200	200
Town clerk reference books	100	142	(42)	150	50
Town report cost	2,500	2,226	274	2,500	0
Mileage	1,250	1,541	(291)	1,500	250
Training and education	400	590	(190)	600	200
Town clerk fee-vehicles	3,000	3,454	(454)	3,300	300
Town clerk fee-various	500	31	470	100	(400)
Registry of deeds costs	500	426	74	500	0
Telephone-Selectmen	700	706	(6)	700	0
Telephone-Tax Collector	500	430	70	400	(100)
Telephone-Town Clerk	600	831	(231)	700	100
Miscellaneous expenses	200	1,898	(1,698)	300	100
TOTAL	46,400	45,196	1,204	45,950	(450)
ELECTION/REGISTRATION/VITAL STATS					
Salaries and wages	3,600	3,367	233	1,500	(2,100)
FICA(SS)-Town portion	225	97	128	125	(100)
Advertising	175	197	(22)	175	0
Postage	25	25	0	25	0
Office supplies	25	10	15	25	0
Mileage	50	74	(24)	50	0
Miscellaneous	200	150	50	200	0
Vital statistics fees	100	22	78	100	0
TOTAL	4,400	3,941	459	2,200	(2,200)
AUDIT TOWN BOOKS					
Audit fee	4,000	3,800	200	4,000	0
TOTAL	4,000	3,800	200	4,000	0
REVALUATION OF PROPERTY					
Reappraisal expenses	3,000	3,208	(208)	3,000	0
TOTAL	3,000	3,208	(208)	3,000	0
LEGAL EXPENSES					
Legal fees & damages	5,000	2,180	2,820	5,000	0
TOTAL	5,000	2,180	2,820	5,000	0
PLANNING BOARD					
Advertising	300	262	38	300	0
Postage	300	260	40	300	0
Mileage	100	36	64	100	0
Training and education	100	0	100	100	0
Miscellaneous expenses	200	110	90	200	0
TOTAL	1,000	668	332	1,000	0

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

TOWN OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

	1996 Proposed Budget	1996 Actual Expend	1996 Over (Under)	1997 Proposed Budget	Budget Increase (Decrease)
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT					
Advertising	300	123	177	300	0
Postage	150	23	127	150	0
Training and education	50	0	50	50	0
TOTAL	500	146	354	500	0
GROUNDS					
Salaries and wages	2,115	2,012	103	2,115	0
FICA(SS)-Town's portion	160	156	4	160	0
Mileage	25	57	(32)	25	0
Miscellaneous expenses	100	238	(138)	100	0
Maintenance-pickup truck	150	0	150	150	0
TOTAL	2,550	2,462	88	2,550	0
GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS					
Salaries and wages	1,900	2,403	(503)	1,900	0
FICA(SS)-Town's portion	150	192	(42)	150	0
Electricity-Town office	1,500	2,306	(806)	2,000	500
Electricity-Town hall	1,000	1,414	(414)	1,000	0
Heat-Town office	1,500	1,534	(34)	1,800	300
Heat-Town hall	2,000	2,563	(563)	2,000	0
Rubbish removal	1,200	1,359	(159)	1,200	0
Miscellaneous expenses	300	962	(662)	400	100
Building maintenance	1,000	521	479	900	(100)
Maintenance supplies	400	115	285	400	0
TOTAL	10,950	13,367	(2,417)	11,750	800
CEMETERIES & PERPETUAL CARE					
Salaries and wages	9,300	9,840	(540)	9,300	0
FICA(SS)-Town's portion	875	1,120	(245)	875	0
Office supplies	50	22	28	50	0
Mileage	400	248	152	400	0
Equipment, tools & supplies	650	556	94	650	0
Gasoline	100	0	100	100	0
Diesel fuel	100	0	100	100	0
Hired equipment	300	75	225	300	0
Miscellaneous expenses	250	48	202	250	0
Maintenance-pickup truck	400	315	85	400	0
Equipment repair/maintenance	400	580	(180)	400	0
Maintenance supplies	1,000	698	302	1,000	0
Perpetual care expenses	4,500	3,996	504	4,500	0
Sanderson Fund expenses	175	81	94	175	0
Burial expenses	1,500	1,243	257	1,500	0
TOTAL	20,000	18,823	1,177	20,000	0

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

TOWN OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

	1996 Proposed Budget	1996 Actual Expend	1996 Over (Under)	1997 Proposed Budget	Budget Increase (Decrease)
INSURANCE(EXCLUDING MEDICAL)					
Property/liability premiums	33,000	35,364	(2,364)	36,000	3,000
TOTAL	33,000	35,364	(2,364)	36,000	3,000
REGIONAL ASSOCIATION					
Upper Valley-Lake Sunapee					
Regional Planning Council	1,543	1,543	0	1,543	0
TOTAL	1,543	1,543	0	1,543	0
TOWN RECORD PRESERVATION					
Preservation expenses	3,000	2,993	7	3,500	500
TOTAL	3,000	2,993	7	3,500	500
SPIRIT COMMITTEE					
Project expenses	1,000	135	865	1,000	0
TOTAL	1,000	135	865	1,000	0
POLICE DEPARTMENT					
Salaries and wages	28,000	28,652	(652)	28,000	0
Salaries and wages-part time	7,124	5,568	1,556	7,124	0
Salaries and wages-special	4,202	4,320	(118)	4,202	0
FICA(SS)-Town's portion	3,010	2,950	60	3,010	0
Medical ins.-Town's portion				2,550	2,550
Memberships	50	0	50	50	0
Postage	50	28	22	50	0
Office supplies	850	502	348	450	(400)
Mileage	200	7	193	100	(100)
Training and education	450	25	425	200	(250)
Telephone	1,660	1,244	416	1,260	(400)
Uniforms	700	149	551	700	0
Dispatch	5,348	4,971	377	5,348	0
Gasoline	1,500	992	508	1,200	(300)
Miscellaneous expenses	100	1,100	(1,000)	100	0
Equipment repair/maintenance	700	411	289	700	0
Radio repair/maintenance	625	475	150	300	(325)
Vehicle maintenance	1,500	1,005	495	1,000	(500)
TOTAL	56,069	52,400	3,669	56,344	275
RESCUE SQUAD					
Rescue squad contribution	4,875	4,875	0	4,250	(625)
TOTAL	4,875	4,875	0	4,250	(625)
AMBULANCE					
Town of Windsor	6,300	6,300	0	7,548	1,248
Golden Cross	7,700	7,461	239	7,585	(115)
TOTAL	14,000	13,761	239	15,133	1,133

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

TOWN OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

	1996 Proposed Budget	1996 Actual Expend	1996 Over (Under)	1997 Proposed Budget	Budget Increase (Decrease)
FIRE DEPARTMENT					
Subscriptions	75	54	21	75	0
Memberships	1,000	261	739	1,000	0
Postage	50	15	35	50	0
Mileage	400	247	153	400	0
Training and education	200	0	200	200	0
Telephone	550	693	(143)	1,100	550
Electricity-Rt 120 station	250	241	9	250	0
Electricity-Town House sta.	1,000	1,208	(208)	1,100	100
Heat-Rt 120 station	1,000	846	154	1,100	100
Heat-Town House station	800	978	(178)	800	0
Fire equipment purchases	2,500	2,500	0	2,000	(500)
Protective clothing	2,500	3,323	(823)	2,000	(500)
Radio & pager replacement	1,500	3,375	(1,875)	1,500	0
Hose replacement	750	320	430	750	0
Forest fire expenses	1,000	851	149	1,000	0
Dispatch	3,200	3,062	138	3,200	0
Mutual aid	150	50	100	150	0
Gasoline	600	268	332	600	0
Diesel fuel	500	156	344	500	0
Miscellaneous expenses	150	166	(16)	150	0
Equipment repair/maintenance	2,000	1,901	99	1,000	(1,000)
Radio repair/maintenance	2,000	1,773	227	1,000	(1,000)
Maintenance-Town House sta.	750	989	(239)	750	0
Maintenance-Rt 120 station	750	634	116	750	0
Maintenance-engine 1	2,000	2,307	(307)	1,000	(1,000)
Maintenance-engine 2	1,000	1,123	(123)	1,000	0
Maintenance-tanker	1,000	321	679	1,000	0
Maintenance-forestry truck	500	501	(1)	500	0
Maintenance-utility truck	500	457	43	500	0
Maintenance-SCBA	400	246	154	400	0
TOTAL	29,075	28,864	211	25,825	(3,250)
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT					
Civil defense	50	22	28	50	0
Emergency dam repairs	2,400	1,746	654	0	(2,400)
TOTAL	2,450	1,769	681	50	(2,400)

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

TOWN OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

	1996 Proposed Budget	1996 Actual Expend	1996 Over (Under)	1997 Proposed Budget	Budget Increase (Decrease)
HIGHWAYS, STREETS & BRIDGES					
Salaries and wages	63,292	61,095	2,197	63,292	0
Salaries and wages-part time	3,000	1,542	1,458	3,000	0
Salaries and wages-overtime	14,000	11,838	2,162	14,000	0
FICA(SS)-Town's portion	5,911	5,673	238	5,911	0
Retirement-Town's portion	2,500	3,406	(906)	3,100	600
Medical ins.-Town's portion	7,500	6,216	1,284	7,500	0
Telephone	500	484	16	500	0
Electricity-Parsonage Rd	1,300	1,536	(236)	1,300	0
Electricity-Rt 120	200	361	(161)	200	0
Heat-Parsonage Rd	1,000	1,622	(622)	1,000	0
Heat-Rt 120	1,100	1,269	(169)	1,100	0
Uniforms	2,500	2,878	(378)	2,600	100
Gasoline	2,500	1,336	1,164	300	(2,200)
Diesel fuel	9,000	8,782	218	9,000	0
Motor oil	1,000	1,528	(528)	1,000	0
Asphalt and tar	1,500	551	949	1,500	0
Gravel	19,000	15,070	3,930	19,000	0
Sand	9,000	2,532	6,468	9,000	0
Salt	1,400	1,316	84	1,400	0
Chloride	500	65	435	500	0
Culverts	4,000	1,924	2,076	4,000	0
Road supplies	11,000	9,730	1,270	11,000	0
Hired equipment	12,000	11,925	75	12,000	0
Rubbish removal	700	0	700	200	(500)
Maintenance-pickup truck	1,000	1,608	(608)	1,000	0
Major repairs-88 Int'l	1,500	3,271	(1,771)	2,000	500
Major repairs-96 Int'l	1,000	874	126	1,000	0
Major repairs-82/83 grader	5,000	20,759	(15,759)	7,000	2,000
Major repairs-84 loader	8,000	6,253	1,747	5,000	(3,000)
Major repairs-90 Int'l	1,500	5,142	(3,642)	4,000	2,500
Equipment repair/maintenance	15,000	17,452	(2,452)	15,000	0
Radio repair/maintenance	1,000	1,296	(296)	1,000	0
Building maintenance	2,200	1,162	1,038	2,200	0
TOTAL	210,603	210,493	110	210,603	0
BLOCK GRANT					
Salaries and wages	25,638	27,501	(1,863)	25,638	0
Salaries and wages-part time	2,900	1,914	986	2,900	0
FICA(SS)-Town's portion	2,181	2,250	(69)	2,181	0
Project Management				5,000	5,000
Asphalt and tar	22,401	8,508	13,893	24,437	2,036
Gravel	10,000	13,002	(3,002)	10,000	0
Culverts	5,000	9,218	(4,218)	5,000	0
Hired equipment	7,168	12,896	(5,728)	7,168	0
TOTAL	75,288	75,288	0	82,324	7,036

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

TOWN OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

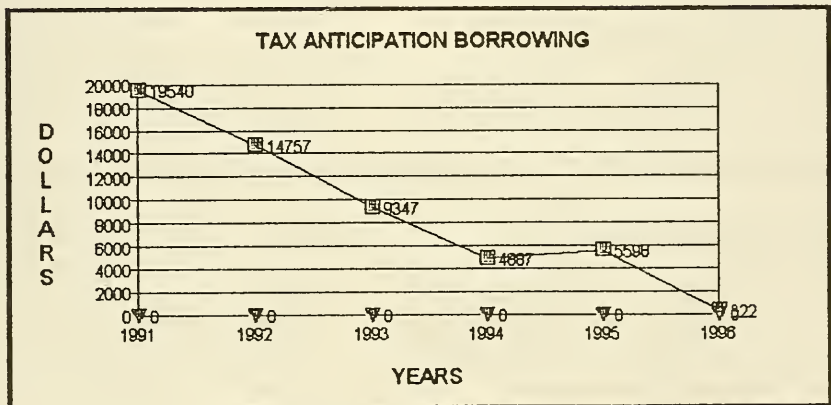
	1996 Proposed Budget	1996 Actual Expend	1996 Over (Under)	1997 Proposed Budget	Budget Increase (Decrease)
SANITATION					
Transfer station ticket cost	7,000	7,200	(200)	7,000	0
Recycling expenses	1,500	424	1,076	1,500	0
TOTAL	8,500	7,624	876	8,500	0
HEALTH					
Health department expenses	50	0	50	50	0
Animal control expenses	500	361	139	500	0
Visiting Nurse Association	2,672	2,672	0	2,672	0
Community Youth Advocates	2,500	2,500	0	2,500	0
Sullivan County Hospice	250	250	0	250	0
Stoughton House, Inc.	1,000	1,000	0	1,000	0
Southwest Community Services	500	500	0	500	0
TOTAL	7,472	7,283	189	7,472	0
WELFARE					
General assistance	2,500	1,691	809	2,500	0
TOTAL	2,500	1,691	809	2,500	0
CULTURE AND RECREATION					
Parks & recreation(CREA)	4,200	4,130	70	4,200	0
Patriotic exp.-Memorial Day	300	290	10	300	0
TOTAL	4,500	4,420	80	4,500	0
CONSERVATION					
Conservation Commission exp.	550	487	63	550	0
TOTAL	550	487	63	550	0
DEBT SERVICE					
Principal-long-term debt	32,800	32,800	0	32,800	0
Interest-long-term debt	6,720	6,688	33	9,000	2,280
Interest-tax anticip. notes	15,000	20,541	(5,541)	20,000	5,000
TOTAL	54,520	60,028	(5,508)	61,800	7,280
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT					
Library Fund	8,270	8,270	0	8,721	451
Conservation Fund	3,000	3,063	(63)	3,000	0
Highway Capital Reserve Fund	35,000	35,000	0	35,000	0
Fire Capital Reserve Fund	13,000	13,000	0	13,000	0
Police Capital Reserve Fund	4,000	4,000	0	4,000	0
Appraisal Reserve Fund	5,000	5,000	0	5,000	0
Bridge Capital Reserve Fund	10,000	10,000	0	10,000	0
TOTAL	78,270	78,333	(63)	78,721	451
TOTAL TOWN EXPENDITURES BEFORE ARTICLES	685,015	681,141	3,874	696,565	11,550

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES
TOWN OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

	1996 Proposed Budget	1996 Actual Expend	1996 Over (Under)	1997 Proposed Budget	Budget Increase (Decrease)
ARTICLES					
95 Art 10 Perambulation		450			
96 Art 5 Cruiser replacement	22,733	22,565	168		
96 Art 6 Lettering machine	3,000		3,000		
96 Art 7 Hazardous waste	1,000	626	374		
96 Art 8 Truck replacement	66,230	65,377	853		
96 Art 10 Coffin shop bridge	139,650	135,083	4,567		
96 Art 11 Highway garage plans	3,000	78	2,922		
TOTAL	235,613	224,179	11,434		(235,613)
TOTAL TOWN EXPENDITURES	920,628	905,320	15,308	696,565	(224,063)
County Appropriation	192,538	192,538	0	NECESSARY AMOUNT	
School Appropriation	1,583,131	1,583,131	0	NECESSARY AMOUNT	
			0		
GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES	2,696,297	2,680,989	15,308		

LONG TERM DEBT
TOWN OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE
December 31, 1996

PAYMENT DATE	INTEREST DUE	PRINCIPAL DUE	TOTAL PAYMENT
June 15, 1997	2,487.33	0.00	2,487.33
December 15, 1997	2,501.00	32,800.00	35,301.00
June 15, 1998	1,658.22	0.00	1,658.22
December 15, 1998	1,667.33	32,800.00	34,467.33
June 15, 1999	829.11	0.00	829.11
December 15, 1999	833.67	32,800.00	33,633.67
	9,976.66	98,400.00	108,376.66



Interest expense for Tax Anticipation notes was nearly eliminated this year. Prudent borrowing and investing by the Treasurer resulted in only a \$322 cost.

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TAX RATE COMPUTATION
TOWN OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

	1996	1995	1994
Total Town Appropriations	920,628	628,956	895,466
Add: Allowance for Refunds & Abatements	14,640	14,499	14,788
War Service Credits:			
Disabled Veterans @ \$1400	1,400	4,200	2,800
All Other Veterans @ \$100	11,200	11,700	11,600
Deduct: Non-Property Tax Town Revenues	(578,797)	(328,956)	(602,241)
State Shared Revenues	(8,774)	(8,856)	(8,402)
Town Taxes To Be Raised	360,297	321,543	314,011
School Tax Assessment	1,583,131	1,550,721	1,439,009
Deduct: State Shared Revenues	(23,541)	(23,761)	(22,544)
School Taxes To Be Raised	1,559,590	1,526,960	1,416,465
County Tax Assessment	192,538	195,671	215,330
Deduct: State Shared Revenues	(3,791)	(3,827)	(3,630)
County Taxes To Be Raised	188,747	191,844	211,700
TOTAL PROPERTY TAXES TO BE RAISED	2,108,634	2,040,347	1,942,176
Divide by Assessed Valuation	82,400,713	82,571,737	81,741,458
TOTAL TAX RATE PER \$1000 OF VALUATION	25.59	24.71	23.76
TAX RATE BREAKDOWN	1996	1995	1994
Town Rate Per \$1000 of Valuation	4.37	3.90	3.84
School Rate Per \$1000 of Valuation	18.93	18.49	17.33
County Rate Per \$1000 of Valuation	2.29	2.32	2.59
TOTAL RATE	25.59	24.71	23.76

Source: New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration

SUMMARY OF INVENTORY VALUATION

TOWN OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

	1996 Acres	1996 Assessed Valuation	1995 Assessed Valuation	1994 Assessed Valuation
Value of Land Only				
Current Use at Current Use Values	22,242.63	1,455,892	1,359,342	1,234,181
Residential	3,921.00	29,639,431	30,767,205	31,529,355
Commercial/Industrial	3.70	188,500	228,900	228,900
TOTAL OF TAXABLE LAND	26,167.33	31,283,823	32,355,447	32,992,436
Value of Buildings Only				
Residential		48,583,818	48,961,318	47,565,768
Manufactured Housing		106,700	0	0
Commercial/Industrial		1,270,700	89,300	89,300
TOTAL OF TAXABLE BUILDINGS		49,961,218	49,050,618	47,655,068
Public Utilities-Electric				
Central Vermont Public Service		84,923	84,923	87,271
Connecticut Valley Electric		439,672	439,672	414,690
Granite State Electric		88,884	88,884	64,865
New England Power		403,489	403,489	412,001
New Hampshire Electric Co-op		637,454	637,454	608,877
TOTAL PUBLIC UTILITIES		1,654,422	1,654,422	1,587,704
GRAND TOTAL VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTION		82,899,463	83,060,487	82,235,208
Less Exemptions:				
Blind(2 in 1996)		(30,000)	(30,000)	(30,000)
Elderly(21 in 1996)		(360,000)	(375,000)	(380,000)
Handicapped/Disabled(3 in 1996)		(108,750)	(83,750)	(83,750)
NET VALUATION ON WHICH TAX RATE IS COMPUTED		82,400,713	82,571,737	81,741,458

CURRENT USE REPORT FOR 1996

	Acres Granted in Prior Years	Acres Granted in 1996	Acres Removed in 1996	Total Acres At End of 1996
Farm Land	2,280.71	13.22		2,293.93
Forest Land	18,536.05	1,284.84	6.23	19,814.66
Wetland	123.20	10.84		134.04
TOTAL CURRENT USE ACRES	20,939.96	1,308.90	6.23	22,242.63

Source: MS-1

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

TOWN OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Year Ended December 31, 1996

SUMMARY OF TAX ACCOUNTS

	1996	1995	1994
Uncollected Taxes-Start of Year:			
Property Taxes		289,190.18	
Land Use Change			
Yield Taxes		1,796.52	226.99
Taxes Committed in 1996			
Property Taxes	2,097,068.58		
Land Use Change	2,491.30		
Yield Taxes	4,831.65		
Overpayments			
Property Taxes	3,262.23	1,632.30	
Interest on Property Taxes	749.27	12,264.02	
Interest on Land Use Taxes			
Interest on Yield Taxes		92.17	
Excess Credits		47.11	
TOTAL TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR	2,108,403.03	305,022.30	226.99
Funds Remitted to Treasurer			
Property Taxes	1,816,811.25	288,971.82	
Land Use Change			
Yield Taxes	4,831.65	1,279.56	
Interest on Property Taxes	749.27	12,264.02	
Interest on Land Use Taxes			
Interest on Yield Taxes		92.17	
Less Abatements Made During Year			
Property Taxes	10,290.32	1,897.77	
Land Use Change			
Excess Debits			
Uncollected Taxes-End of Year			
Property Taxes	273,229.24	0.00	0.00
Land Use Change	2,491.30	0.00	0.00
Yield Taxes	0.00	516.96	226.99
TOTAL ACCOUNTED FOR	2,108,403.03	305,022.30	226.99

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

TOWN OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Year Ended December 31, 1996

SUMMARY OF TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS

	1995	1994	1993
Balance of Unredeemed Tax Liens			
At Beginning of Year		58,529.52	22,308.17
Liens Executed During Year			
Sold to Town	85,045.96		
Interest and Costs Collected			
After Lien Execution	2,033.26	10,355.81	7,072.65
TOTAL TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR	87,079.22	68,885.33	29,380.82
 Funds Remitted to Treasurer			
Redemptions	26,003.76	26,823.78	18,797.49
Interest and Costs After Lien	2,033.26	10,355.81	7,072.65
Abatements of Unredeemed Taxes			
Liens Deeded to Town			
Excess Debits	504.49		
Balance of Unredeemed Tax Liens			
At End of Year	58,537.71	31,705.74	3,510.68
TOTAL ACCOUNTED FOR	87,079.22	68,885.33	29,380.82

Reigh Rock
Tax Collector

**UNREDEEMED TAXES FROM TAX SALES
DECEMBER 31, 1996**

	1993	1994	1995
Ackerman, Frank N.		1930.41	4,250.04
Aldrich, George M./Joyce D.	1,256.43	1291.91	1,342.18
Atkinson-Davis Corporation		209.87	215.43
Bailey, Arthur W./ Beatrice E.		3,263.93	1,699.82
Bennett, Clifton			1,406.90
Bourne, Marilyn			5,156.36
Call, Duane R., Sr. / Cathy J.			1,003.70
Drury, Joseph			75.36
Gray, Everett Jr./ Laurie A.		427.47	2,374.15
Hall, Robert G.		1,345.47	1,095.88
Johnson, Harry			848.14
LaClair, Cecil / Joyce		774.16	2,326.70
Land East Construction Corporation		43.44	44.26
Lewis, Wm S. / Lorraine J.		2,061.62	2,122.43
McMinn, V. Leonard		2,040.80	2,098.69
Mitchell, Renee M./Noll, Nancy M.	2,254.25	2,342.45	2,413.15
Muller, Joseph H./ Diane L.		2974.75	3,029.17
Oldenburg, Earland L./ Maria			1,409.36
Rafferty, Thomas			4,797.00
Rock, Phillip S /Pauline L.		177.70	753.46
Shambo, Robert W./ Lorraine J.		68.12	2,202.89
Stone, Chas W. /Sheila M.		3,374.45	7,530.72
Swamp, Lincoln J./ Deborah A.			1,436.50
Szyman, Heirs of Despina		4,190.91	3,624.91
Varano, Dean		738.22	758.45
Wallace, Marilyn		2,366.97	2,329.91
Wilkie, Steven / Laura		2,083.09	2,142.19
Woodbury, Peter			49.46
Total	\$3,510.68	\$31,705.74	\$58,537.21

I hereby certify that the above list showing the name and amount due from each taxpayer for unredeemed taxes on account of the levies of 1993, 1994 and 1995, as of December 31, 1996, is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Reigh H. Rock, Tax Collector

TREASURER'S REPORT
TOWN OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Year Ended December 31, 1996

Reconciliation-Checking Account

Balance 12/31/95		51,447.40
Add Receipts	11,081,435.46	
Total Available		11,132,882.86
Less Payments During Year	11,099,439.91	
Balance 12/31/96		33,442.95

Bank Statement Balance 12/31/96		180,239.76
Add Deposits in Transit	13,634.22	
Less Outstanding Checks	160,431.03	
Checkbook Balance 12/31/96		33,442.95

Special Funds in Custody of Treasurer

	12/31/95 Balance	Add Receipts	Less Payments	12/31/96 Balance
Police Dept Savings	375.18	63.07	25.00	413.25
Fire Dept Savings	228.82	2.82	231.64	0.00
Fire Dept Hazardous Materials	770.90	25.42		796.32
CREA Savings	7,156.36	252.82		7,409.18
Rodney Palmer Fund	13,061.42	876.22		13,937.64
Conservation Fund:				
Savings	26,533.22	765.47	27,298.69	0.00
Savings	4,930.96	3,243.96	1,050.00	7,124.92
Money Market	15,530.75	26,640.27		42,171.02
Savings-Eastman	3,927.08	1,138.97	5,066.05	0.00

Respectfully submitted,
William Caterino
Town Treasurer

REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS, TOWN OF CORNISH, N.H. December 31, 1996

Date Created	Name of Fund	Purpose of Trust Fund	Where Invested	Principal	New Funds Created	Beginning Balance	Received	Expended	Ending Balance
Var.	Perpet. Care	Cemeteries	Clt.Svg.Bnk	\$46,941.98	\$1,400.00	\$48,162.43	\$5,553.17	\$4,316.00	\$49,399.50
1902	Beamman,C.	Guide Boards	AllianceSec.	1,173.06	0.00	4,114.97	378.07	0.00	4,493.04
1909	Foss,J.	Flags Upkeep	AllianceSec.	1,731.40	0.00	4,524.09	477.80	210.00	4,791.29
1889	Foss/Kimbl	Aid to Poor	AllianceSec.	5,096.04	0.00	7,786.49	1,229.67	0.00	9,016.16
1971	Kennedy,MJ	Aid to Elderly	Clt.Svg.Bnk.	4,044.61	0.00	7,088.06	488.98	1,490.00	6,087.04
1902	Mercer,Wm	Aid to Educ.	Alnc/Fleet	13,214.61	0.00	34,224.03	3,956.45	800.00	37,380.48
1898	Pub.Sch. Fund	Schools	Alliance Sec.	418.28	0.00	726.59	101.16	0.00	827.75
1942	Sanderson	Child.Cem.Upk'p	Alliance Sec.	1,248.67	0.00	221.80	213.35	0.00	435.15
1917	Stowell Library	Library	Fleet/Norstar	500.00	0.00	227.02	727.02	0.00	435.15
			AllianceSec.	5,897.15	0.00	1,474.07	968.62	904.07	2,464.39
1984	Vet.Mem'l	Upkeep	Clt.Svg.Bnk	4,500.00	0.00	54.35	198.75	0.00	86.28
1987	Cornish Wellf.	Aid to Needy	Clt.Svg.Bnk	500.00	0.00	2,586.20	324.39	0.00	2,910.59
1993	Educ Trn Fund	Educational	Clt.Svg Bnk	3,518.54	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
				55.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1982	New Police Cruiser		Clt.Svg.Bnk	16,000.00	6,700.00	20,317.33	480.02	22,564.54	4,932.81
1967	New Heavy Hwy. Equip.		Clt.Svg.Bnk	75,000.00	39,500.00	88,234.49	3,114.49	65,377.00	65,471.98
1970	Fire Truck		Clt.Svg.Bnk	13,000.00	13,000.00	14,669.01	716.24	0.00	28,385.25
1985	Appraisal Fund		Clt.Svg.Bnk	9,000.00	5,000.00	13,165.40	830.42	0.00	18,995.82
1995	Bridges		Clt.Svg Bnk	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,020.96	507.29	0.00	20,528.25
1979	School Building Fund		Clt.Svg Bnk	14,000.00	0.00	16,111.95	415.75	9,848.03	6,679.67
1986	Block Grant (Educational)		Clt.Svg Bnk	0.00	0.00	6,935.06	175.68	4,236.01	2,874.73
						\$23,047.01	\$591.43	\$14,084.04	\$9,554.40
SCHOOL CAPITAL RESERVE TOTAL: \$14,000.00									

1993	New Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds:								
	Brothers, Helen	\$200	Comings	Lurvey, Robert Sr. & Caroline	\$400	Edminister			
	Callahan, Loel A. II	\$200	Child	Shatney, Robert Sr.	\$200	Edminister			
	Decatur, Clarence & Mary	\$400	Comings						
The information contained in this report is complete and accurate to the best of our knowledge and belief.									
Barbara Rawson Shirley Sullivan Elizabeth Caterino									

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

As of December 31, 1996

Description

Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	\$192,100
Furniture and Equipment	7,000
Library, Land and Building	149,000
Furniture and Equipment	10,000
Police Department Equipment	25,000
Fire Department, Lands and Buildings	146,900
Equipment	265,000
Highway Department, Lands and Buildings	153,150
Equipment	252,000
Materials and Supplies	10,000
Selectmen's Old Office	149,000
New Town Office, Land and Buildings	154,400
Furniture and Equipment	11,000
Meeting House, Flat, Land and Buildings	175,100
CREA Land and Buildings	157,550
School, Land and Buildings	1,465,250
Contents	171,400

All Lands & Buildings acquired through Tax Collector's Deeds, and Other:

Weld Park	5,000
Hodgdon Lot	5,900
Woodlot on Skyline Drive	24,150
Butman Lot	13,250
Recycling Center	37,450
Cemeteries, Vault, Hearse House	5,000
Fire Pond, School Street	1,150
Jackson Road Gravel Pit	9,300
Fire Pond on Town House Road	2,500
Dwight Wood Lot	500
Map 6, Lot 102 (.4 acre)	3,900
Map 12, Lot 39 (7 acres)	8,250
Map 7, Lot 86 (3 acres)	26,700
Map 7, Lot 65B (9.1 acres)	21,950
Map 6, Lot 3A (5 acres)	58,950
Bridge Parking Lot, Rte 12A	12,500

TOTAL	\$3,730,300
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WAGES, BENEFITS, AND TOTAL COMPENSATION TOWN OF CORNISH

		1996			
	<u>Wages</u>	<u>FICA</u>	<u>Health</u>	<u>Retirement</u>	<u>Total Comp.</u>
Highway					
Couitt, Richard B.	60.48	4.63			65.11
Duval, Michael	23,540.07	1,800.82		798.01	26,138.10
Earle, Albert F.	30,917.71	2,365.20		1,048.11	34,330.62
LaClair, Cecil A.	22,900.69	1,751.90	3,108.04	776.33	28,536.96
Morse, Scott	1,520.64	116.33			1,636.97
Nelson, Wayne	2,108.16	161.27			2,269.43
Spaulding, Thomas	23,100.71	1,767.20	3,108.04	783.11	28,759.06
BG/Cemetery					
Abbott, George	5,135.50	392.87			5,528.07
Call, Cathy	468.00	35.81			503.81
Earle, Eric	3,070.20	234.87			3,305.07
Rock, John	9,409.50	719.83			10,129.33
Rock, Maybelle	1,225.00	93.71			1,318.71
Town Office					
Caterino Jr., William	600.00	45.90			645.90
Dingee, Lawrence S.	882.51	67.51			950.02
Hier, Anne M.	7,936.01	607.10			8,543.11
Hodgeman, Stuart	2,254.41	172.46			2,426.87
Maslan, Robert F.	5,056.28	386.81			5,443.09
McFaul, Janet M.	300.00	22.95			322.95
Rock, Reigh	15,745.48	1,176.42			16,921.90
White, John M.	533.38	40.80			574.18
Police					
Chase, Mark	120.00	9.18			129.18
Morse, Scott	3,572.00	273.26			3,845.26
Osgood, Philip G.	28,666.25	2,192.97			30,859.22
Webb, Robert	2,112.00	161.57			2,273.57
Yacano, Michael	1,324.00	101.29			1,425.29
Election/Reg					
Atwood, Leland	353.33				
Atwood, Sharon	13.06				
Budlong, Sally	239.13				
Gilmore, Mary	120.64				
Monette, Robin	220.26				
Osgood, Elaine	14.25				
Rollins, Paul L.	239.13				
Rollins, Ruth G.	783.89				
Stone, Marion R.	227.26				
Whalen, Jr., Paul W.	31.01				
Police Special					
Bodkins, Barriitt, C.	528.00	40.39			568.39
Bonnier, Anthony E.	192.00	14.69			206.69
Gentes, Chris	192.00	14.69			206.69
Kirtis Jr, Donald W.	516.00	39.47			555.47
Raymond, Jr., William P.	468.00	35.80			503.80
Webber, David	480.00	36.72			516.72
White, Antonio D.	384.00	29.38			413.38
Library					
Call, Cathy	576.00	44.06			620.06
Freeland, Katherine	3,770.00	288.41			4058.41

No Benefits

SELECTMEN'S REPORT 1996

Cornish can be proud of the refurbished War Memorials shown on the cover of this Report. Through the initiative of Polly Monette, the craftsmanship of Brush Lettering and several volunteers, and the Vietnam Memorial and Beaman Trust funds, the Selectmen were able to complete the project and rededicate the Memorials during the Memorial Day Ceremony in May. That ceremony was enhanced by the attendance of a large group of Cornish School children who participated along with their principal.

The Selectmen participated in two committees related to Town and School District issues this year. One dealt with issues discussed at Town Meeting which has resulted in the re-establishment of traditional meeting dates for the School Meeting (Saturday) and Town Meeting (the following Tuesday). Further, the Finance Committee has been tasked and is working with the School Board on budgeting issues similar to their interface with the Selectmen. The other committee was formed by the School Board to address strategic planning issues that affect both the School District and the Town. The immediate result is a combined budget hearing this year but the larger effort is ongoing.

The Town completed a very successful bridge project with Plainfield during August and reopened the Thrasher (Coffin Shop) Bridge on Platt Road. The project was on time and under budget. Maintaining our bridges is an important task and we are asking to use Bridge Capital Reserve money for that purpose this year.

Our Highway Department has had a busy and at times frustrating year. The January thaw and accompanying rain resulted in major damage to many of our roads. However, they completed most projects with the exception of planned Center Road repairs. The Department received our new International truck this fall and pressed it into service hauling sand. A darker moment was the loss by fire of the 1982 grader. The issue of replacement was immediately put in the hands of the Equipment Committee chaired by Larry Dingee. They mustered an exhausting effort exploring numerous options. Many hours of discussions and deliberations by the committee resulted in the Selectmen's decision to purchase a 1983 used grader with insurance and residual highway funds. Earmarked highway funds for winter plowing were not used which made the purchase possible and still brought the Highway Department under budget. Thanks go to the Equipment Committee for their tireless efforts.

Another very active committee addressed the New Highway Garage. Thanks to their efforts, the Selectmen feel we have an excellent plan and proposal for a new facility which is both rationally fundable and sorely needed. Nate Cass volunteered to spearhead the project and the Selectmen solicit your support of this extremely important task.

Nate has also volunteered his service as our new Fire Chief - for that we thank him. We also appreciate the outstanding effort and results by Mike Monette as our Chief for 5 1/2 years. Cornish can be very proud of its Fire Department and Fire Fighters and the Rescue Squad. Thanks for your time and efforts.

We continue to nurture our Twinning Project with Aspet, France. Through the joint efforts of school and community the Town had a pleasant and busy week this summer with a delegation from Aspet. It culminated with a pot luck supper at St. Gaudens and subsequent exchange of gifts and mementos. Cornish gave a Bronze Medallion designed and cast by Susanne Lupien with a custom made presentation box by Dale Shafman. We vowed to continue the interface and exchange in the future.

Cornish tax bills were printed and mailed in a timely manner this year resulting from the installation of a new computer program and a huge effort by Reigh Rock, Anne Hier and Bob Maslan. Hours of data entry resulted in near error-free results. Both

Town Clerk and Tax Collector records are in our own computer now making updating and processing less costly and more responsive.

A cost worth mentioning is savings realized for Tax Anticipation Notes (TAN). Our Treasurer, Bill Caterino, devised a financial plan to borrow and reinvest funds resulting in a TAN interest cost of \$322 for 1996. Over the years the TAN costs have varied from \$4900 to over \$20,000. Great job Bill.

The Police Department took delivery of our new cruiser, pressed it into service and it is serving us well. Joe Osgood heads our 911 Project and was able to get the Town mapped by the NH Department of Transportation this summer. We are now in line waiting to receive the subsequent numbering of our roads and residences from the State. In conjunction with the 911 project the Selectmen have ordered new (dark green with white letters) fiberglass road signs. They will be installed in the spring by Jack Rock and his crew.

1996 has been a busy year at the Selectmen's office. The aforementioned items attest to that. There were numerous other issues still ongoing that are being addressed and will be resolved. Citizens should realize we are dealing in a participative government. It takes time with a volunteer government structure to research and resolve issues both routine and complicated. The Board would like to thank all members of the volunteer boards and committees for their essential participation and efforts. Thanks for your support.

Respectfully submitted,

Stuart A. Hodgeman
Robert F. Maslan
Lawrence S. Dingee

SELECTMEN'S SPECIAL AGENT 1996 REPORT

In 1989, the Selectmen created the Selectmen's Special Agent position for the purpose of confirming excavation information and soil suitability at potential new septic installations. Currently, the position is not funded by the town but by user fee, the average cost being \$20.00.

Results of Septic Digs in Cornish 1996

March 28	Stevens, E/S West Pass Road, Dug 1 hole, successful
May 4	Meyer/Johnson, N/S Leavitt Hill Rd, Dug 1 hole, successful
May 7	Jerard, W/S Route 12A, Dug 2 holes, 1 successful
June 3	Orogi, W/S Route 12A, Dug 1 hole, successful
June 15	MacLeay, S/S Sunset Strip, Dug 3 holes, 1 successful
June 21	Hackett, E/S Town House Rd, Dug 1 hole, successful with mounding
September 13	Blumberg, E/S Platt Rd, Dug 3 holes, successful with mounding
September 27	St. Pierre, E/S Route 120, Dug 2 holes, successful with mounding
October 15	Amadon, N/S Sunset Strip, Dug 2 holes, successful
October 30	Hamel, E/S Town House Rd, Dug 1 hole, successful

Selectmen's Special Agent,
Stuart Hodgeman

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT 1996

Motor Vehicle Registrations Issued	\$154,746.50
Dog Licenses Issued / Animal Control	1,857.00
Dog Penalties And Fines	55.00
Marriage Li censes Sold	855.00
Landfill Tickets Sold	6,520.00
Miscellaneous-Copier Use, Checklists, History books & Return Check Fee	152.50
Filing Fees For Titles	670.00
UCC Fees	921.00
Vital Statistics Fees	378.00
Fish & Game	617.00
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TOTAL \$166,772.00

Total monies paid to Town Treasurer \$166,772.00

Respectfully submitted,
Reigh H. Rock
Town Clerk

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR 1996 REPORT

The Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office has completed its first year computerized. It has been a lot of work, but most of the headaches have passed! A lot of you have noticed how fast a registration can be done and we now have the capability of sending out semi-annual tax bills. A special thank you goes to Alan Penfold for his time, patience and generosity.

A wonderful achievement has been completed by Teenie Rock. She has enclosed all our vital statistics (marriage, birth, and death certificates) in archival quality sheet protectors. Teenie has spent hours copying records from old volumes and filing them alphabetically. This has certainly been a time saver when doing geneology research.

Reigh H. Rock
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

CORNISH HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT 1996 REPORT

The year 1996 was again a very busy and costly year due to various major problems. The year started off with a great deal of flooding on January 21, 1996.

Due to a very severe winter it was necessary to increase the sand storage by at least 2,000 yards. During the spring thaw a portion of Tift Road had to be rebuilt due to mud conditions. The Center Road project was started from Route 120 replacing necessary culverts which were required to bring the road to standard specifications for 20 foot traveling surface.

During the month of July the Town was hit with torrential rains blocking culverts and causing washed out roads. Larger culverts were installed throughout the Town due to these rains. The new Coffin Shop Bridge (Thrasher) was opened for traffic and pedestrian travel before a large gathering the day before school opening.

The greatest mishap happened when the Town Grader was destroyed completely by fire. Through the efforts of the highway agent and the equipment committee a used 1983 Galion Grader was located. The cost of this grader was \$39,000 of which \$28,000 was covered by insurance and the balance from the 1996 highway budget. Delivery is scheduled for February 1997 with a 60 day warranty to begin April 1, 1997. The cooperation between the highway agent, highway personnel and the equipment committee was excellent.

A new International truck with sander and plow was purchased and delivered in September. The people in town are sure to notice the new truck because of the safety yellow in color. All future trucks should be purchased with this color for safety reasons.

The highway department personnel following standard safety procedures reported only one minor injury. In 1997 the first section of Center Road should be started from Route 120 to Harrington Road. Culverts as required will be placed on other roads.

The Highway Agent and the Board of Selectmen emphasize serious attention must be given to a new highway garage facility. The current Parsonage Road buildings are inadequate and unsafe. There is a major lack of space, inadequate water and septic facilities.

Respectfully submitted,

Albert Earle
Road Agent



INTERNATIONAL CRAWLER PLOWING SNOW
ON DINGLETON HILL, FEBRUARY 1958
Photo courtesy of Wayne Nelson

New Highway Garage Committee 1996 Report

After several meetings with the committee and discussions with contractors, plumbers, electricians, concrete contractors, etc. the following proposal is recommended for the Town of Cornish:

- 1) That we remove and dispose of the two buildings located on what is called the Fuller property on Parsonage Road currently owned by the Town and used by the Highway Department.
- 2) That we raise \$150,000 to erect a new 50 X 140 wood frame structure to house both the Highway and Cemetery Departments.
- 3) That we sell, at sealed bids, the old highway garage located on Route 120 in Cornish Flat with the reservation that the Fire Department be allowed to continue to use 2 bays of the old garage as they do now.

It is also the intent of the committee that the money raised from the sale of the old highway garage go to defray the cost of the new building.

Nathan C. Cass
Chairman



1996 International Highway
Truck - Photo by J. Osgood

1983 Galion Grader
Photo by J. Osgood



CORNISH FIRE DEPARTMENT 1996 REPORT

The Cornish Fire Department is made up of approximately 30 personnel who work, train, and respond for no pay. They are on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. We are very lucky to have this group of people willing to do this job and I wish to thank each one of them.

Respectfully submitted,
Nathan Cass, Fire Chief

Motor Vehicle Accidents	18
Power Line Problems	16
Mutual Aid	15
Smoke Investigations	6
Fire Alarms	6
Grass and Brush Fires	4
Car Fires	4
Public Assist	4
Structure Fires	3
Hazard Mutual Incidents	3
Illegal Burns	2
River Rescue	1

TOTAL CALLS

1996	82	1993	92
1995	103	1992	79
1994	98	1991	101

TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER 1996 REPORT

To aid your Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department and State Forest Ranger, contact your local Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing any open burning. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law, and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs.

There are ten Forest Rangers who work for the N.H. Division of Forests and Lands, Forest Protection Bureau. State Forest Rangers are available to assist communities with forest fire suppression, prevention and training programs as well as the enforcement of forest fire and timber harvest laws. If you have any questions regarding forest fire or timber harvest laws please call our office at 271-2217.

The State of New Hampshire operates 15 fire towers, 2 mobile patrols and 3 contract aircraft patrols. This early detection and reports from citizens aid in the quick response from local fire departments.

<u>Causes of Fires Reported</u>		<u>1996 Fire Statistics</u>	
		<u>Fires Reported by County</u>	
Smoking	05	Belknap	06
Debris Burning	34	Carroll	07
Campfire	16	Cheshire	13
Power Line	04	Coos	10
Railroad	02	Grafton	12
Equipment Use	01	Hillsborough	19
Lightning	02	Merrimack	14
Children	22	Rockingham	15
OHRV	01	Strafford	05
Miscellaneous	20	Sullivan	06
		TOTAL FIRES	107

"REMEMBER, ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT FOREST FIRES!"

Douglas C. Miner
Forest Ranger

Nathan Cass
Forest Fire Warden

CORNISH POLICE DEPARTMENT 1996 REPORT

In 1996 the Police Department had a good year. Activity was light and incidences that require many man hours were down. This transforms into a savings for the Town. We were able to update an aging computer through the maintenance budget and still come in considerably under budget. I can only say I would like to see next year the same way.

In an effort to simplify the reporting of crime statistics to the State, the Department of Safety has purchased a computer program that they are giving to the towns. This program will also assist in simplifying reports and the filing of them. This is all expected to happen early in 1997.

The Ford Taurus approved at last year's meeting has been in service since the last week in March 1996. We now have close to 14,000 miles on it and this car has proven to be quite acceptable in winter driving. I feel that a front wheel drive car was an economical compromise to a four wheel drive.

We at the Police Department would like to thank the community for your continuing support of the department. We look forward to serving your needs in 1997 and welcome any input to better serve the community.

911 SYSTEM

The State E911 system is still not completely built yet, but it is working quite well. There have been some problems in the phone system that have caused some false alarms and one delay that was still much faster than the old system. The mapping and address portion is the part that seems to be bogged down. I have contacted the State Mapping office and they have assured me that our map is in the system and should be ready for review soon. When this process is finished, we then can accurately enter the addresses. Once the addresses are in the database the 911 system will then be complete. One other option already available is the ability to add specific information to the system. If you have a specific situation in your home that emergency responding units should know about, this information can be entered into the computer at 911. This information will show up on the computer if you dial 911. If you feel you have a situation that fits this, contact the emergency service that would handle the need and they can assist you in having this information recorded.

YOURS IN SAFETY
Philip (Joe) Osgood
Chief of Police



1996 Ford Taurus Cruiser
Photo by J. Osgood

CLAREMONT

NEW HAMPSHIRE, U.S.A.

R. Craig Ohlson
Chief of Police

Captain William T. Wilmot, Jr.
Executive Officer

Cornish Police Department
Townhouse Rd
Cornish, NH 03745

A Community that works...
January 05, 1997

Commissioners:
Donald W. Limoges
Richard R. George
George T. Caccese, Jr.

Gentlemen:

The following is the breakdown for the Cornish Police Department for the period 01/01/96 - 12/31/96.

Accidents	59	Alarms	36
Abandoned Property	05	Assist Other Department	19
Animal Complaints	34	Assaults	01
Be On Look-out	03	Burglary	05
Check Well Being	05	Criminal Mischief	09
Community Service	04	Civil Matters	02
Dog Complaints	40	Disabled Vehicles	21
Domestics	03	DWI Arrests	02
Fights	02	Fire Calls	10
Fish & Game Matters	01	Found Property	03
Harassment	10	Highway Matters	14
House Checks	05	Illegal Dumping	02
Juvenile Problems	07	Keep the Peace	03
Lost Property	01	Medical Emergency	13
Message Delivery	02	Manner of Operation	07
MV Stops	186	Noise	07
OHRV Complaints	01	Parking Problems	02
Police Information	26	Public Hazards	05
Relays	04	Remove Subject	01
Request Officer	32	Request Transport	01
Restraining Orders	01	Serve Paperwork	05
Shots Fired	01	Suspicious Activity	29
Theft	12	Town Office	02
Traffic Problems	09	Traces 9-1-1	14
Total	671		
Handled by Other Agencies		03	

Yours In Safety,



Barritt C. Bodkins

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT 1996 Report

We would like to once again thank the Boy Scouts for placing flags on the Veteran's graves before Memorial Day and the Highway Department for their assistance in many ways. This year Don MacLeay bulldozed stumps and leveled the ground in Chase Cemetery and the stones were cleaned. The tractor is now eight years old and still in good shape.

Because the Cemetery Department does not wish to offend anyone we will not remove flowers, pots, flags, etc. before October 1st with the exception of dead and unattended plants. Please have anything you wish to save picked up by October 1.

John Rock
Sexton

HEALTH DEPARTMENT 1996 REPORT

This was a blessedly quiet year for the town regarding health department issues. The new heating system in the elementary school was a wonderful improvement, and the inspection of the food purveyors at the Cornish Fair was done, even though not required by the State. Many minor interventions were done throughout the year, requiring time and phone calls but no additional expenditures by the town.

Theresa Masters
Town Health Officer

OVERSEERS OF GENERAL ASSISTANCE 1996 REPORT

This past year, the Cornish welfare committee once again provided survival services to residents in need. We continue to utilize the committee structure which furnishes emergency coverage at all times.

In response to recent welfare reform laws, this year the committee hopes to evaluate all our systems and procedures. We will address any new issues that we encounter as an outcome of newly developed legislation.

All of the committee members send our most sincere thanks to the people who have helped us help others. This very long list not only includes residents of Cornish, but service providers throughout New Hampshire.

Martha Zoerheide
Judith Kaufman
Connie Kousman

CORNISH RESCUE SQUAD 1996 REPORT

The past year has been a good one for us. We had our average of 160 calls including mutual aid. The Cornish Rescue Squad continues with a tradition of being one of the fine EMS providers in the Upper Valley.

- In cooperation with Cornish, Meriden, and Plainfield Fire Departments we sponsored the Claremont Fire Department Training Unit for teaching school children fire safety. This two-story mobile unit reviewed the 911 system, smoke detectors and proper home exiting procedures for the Kindergarten through Third graders of Cornish and Plainfield schools.

- We co-sponsored a Bicycle Safety Rodeo at the Plainfield School that over 60 riders and their families attended.

- This winter we are offering a First Responder Course to the community.

- Financially speaking, with the cooperation of Mike Monette of the Cornish Fire Department and the Windsor Repeater Association, we negotiated a contract for dispatching with the Town of Windsor that will save us 40% on the cost of radio dispatching.

We are very thankful for the great support we have received over the years from the towns and residents of Cornish and Plainfield. Your continued support allows us to serve you in an emergency. If you have any special concerns at your house please contact us at 675-2221 and we will review your needs and develop a plan with you. Would you also please look at your road and house address and be sure it can be seen on a rainy night from the road?

We are always looking for new members interested in EMS or willing to assist us in the non-EMS aspects of our organization. We meet monthly on the fourth Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. at the Squad house on Route 120 in Cornish.

On a personal note as I complete my first year as President I would like to publicly thank the outstanding members of the squad for their dedication and service to the community.

Sincerely,

Jim McCarragher, President
Jeff Katchen, Vice-President
Fred Schad, Secretary
Paul & Sharon Merchant, Treasurers
Stewart Adams, Trustee
Bob Jordan, Trustee

CORNISH PLANNING BOARD 1996 REPORT

The Planning Board was pleased that Article 2 on the Warrant for the 1996 Town Meeting passed by an overwhelming vote in the affirmative. The Board continues to review the zoning ordinance to see if there are sections that might need to be amended in the future. Doctrine of merger laws, lot size configuration, and wetland maps are some of the areas the Board feels we need to look at further. We have had joint meetings with the Selectmen and the Zoning Board of Adjustment to discuss some of these issues and plan to continue with these meetings into 1997.

One of the responsibilities of the Planning Board is to make sure our Zoning Ordinance, Subdivision and Site Plan Review Regulations are kept current to meet the needs of the Town. We encourage and welcome input from residents of Cornish who have concerns and issues they would like to discuss with us.

1996 ACTIONS

Major Subdivisions

James R. Borchert
Parsonage Road

Tertia Zapletal
Deming Road

Minor Subdivisions

Harold Morse, Jr.
Clark Camp Road

Nicholas and Albert Ruggiero
Route 12A

Annexations/Lot Line Adjustments

Charles and Sheila Stone
Cornish Stage Road

Site Plan Review

Barbara J. Lewis, Chase House
Route 12A

Cheston Newbold, Chairman
Anne Hier, Secretary
Larry Dingee, Selectman
John Hammond, Vice Chairman
Jack Rock

Peter Storrs
Kathi Osterlund
Brian Meyette, Alternate
Lee Baker, Alternate
Nina Lloyd, Alternate

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT 1996 REPORT

The Zoning Board of Adjustment heard six formal cases during 1996, all requests for special exceptions. All six requests, three involving alterations to residential property and three concerning commercial operations, were granted with conditions.

Karim Chichakly, Chairman
Eric Webb, Clerk and Secretary
David Wood, Alternate
Dale Rook, Alternate

Caroline Storrs, Vice Chair
Keith Beardslee
William Balch, Alternate
Bruce Tracy, Alternate

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECK LIST 1996

The year 1996 was a busy one for the supervisors. School District Meeting, Town Meeting, a special School District Meeting, the September 10th Primary Election, and the General Election on November 5th required numerous meetings and changes.

Checklists and file cards had to be corrected and updated continuously through the year. Letters were written to those moving, checklists posted prior to all meetings and notices published, as required by law. Proof reading and printing lists were among other duties.

The September Primary found 1020 registered voters. The final updated list, which was reported on floppy disk to the United States District Court, District of New Hampshire, after the November 5th General Election, found a total of 1059 registered voters. The list is used for Federal jury selection for the District of New Hampshire.

Ruth G. Rollins, Chairman
Leland E. Atwood
Robin C. Monette

CORNISH CONSERVATION COMMISSION 1996

The Conservation Commission has been active in many different areas during the 1996 calendar year. Our members have attended conferences, workshops and lectures on a variety of topics including bats, easements, forest management and wetland monitoring.

At the 1996 Town Meeting the annual Cornish Conservation award was presented to Larry and Jean Duval, Richard Avery and Robert Alves for their work with the Boy Scouts. They were recognized for their efforts in introducing the boys to the beauty of our Town and State while generating respect for the land and the importance of helping preserve our environment.

In April the Commission held Green Up Week. Many individuals and groups helped clean up Cornish's roads. We wish to thank all our loyal "Green Up" volunteers, and also the Cornish Road Crew who picked up all the bags left by the sides of the roads. This event will occur again in April of 1997. For information please call Nancy Newbold or sign up at either Town or School meeting.

Wetlands are always a major priority for the Cornish Conservation Commission and this year was no exception. We did not have many actual applications for wetland work but some of the issues were complicated, some from previous years needed review and others involved situations which did not require a permit (such as bank erosion) but our input was requested. We made numerous on site inspections so we could accurately assess the different situations. We have particularly appreciated the efforts of Cornish's Road Agent, Albert Earle, in keeping us informed of road work that might affect wetlands and asking for our input on some larger projects.

The 1995 purchase of the Eastman property now gives the Town a much larger piece of property surrounding the Town Offices. The Commission is spearheading the effort to make a plan to landscape the property. The sub-committee focusing on this project is working with Charlie Shurcliff, a landscape architect, to develop a comprehensive plan that includes lighting, parking, recreation and plantings. This has been a more time consuming process than first anticipated and the hope is to have a completed plan finished sometime in 1997.

Cornish is privileged to have a number of properties in town under conservation easement. It is necessary to monitor these properties to be sure that the easements are being followed and that landowners are aware of the easement conditions. This is particularly necessary as properties change hands. To help the Town and the Commission have an accurate record of the easements and to assist in monitoring them, the Commission has been working on creating some monitoring forms and then collecting baseline data on each easement.

One final project that we have been involved with is a commission with Augie Dworak for a totem pole that will be in the Town Offices. This piece is being designed to reflect the environmental and cultural heritage of our Town. It is being supported by funds from the Palmer Fund and should be completed some time in 1997.

Our meetings are usually held on the fourth Wednesday of each month and we welcome the public.

Herricka Poor, Chairman
Mariet Jaarsma, Secretary
Stuart Hodgeman, Selectman
Rae Ann Melloh
Brook Moore, Alternate
Janice Orion, Alternate

Mike Yatsevitch
Nancy Newbold
Brian Meyette
Don Snowdon
Donna Bleazard, Alternate

CORNISH RECYCLING COMMITTEE

1996 REPORT

Celebrating our 20th year as the oldest (1977) volunteer-run recycling center in NH

The recycling center has been fortunate this year to have additional assistance. From April through November two young men and their counselor from Sullivan County Developmental Services have been working with center volunteers. This experience has aided in their learning and practice of work and interpersonal skills. The center appreciates the much needed extra help, especially as usage of the center has been increasing. To show our appreciation, the recycling center provided tickets to local hockey games, and are looking forward to their continued assistance.

Maintenance projects were performed this fall. The deteriorating steps to the main shed were repaired, windowpanes were caulked and replaced where necessary using as much recycled materials as possible. The large sign on Route 120 was attached to a new pole and reinstalled in a more visible location and sheds were cleaned.

In 1996, 31.93 tons of recyclable materials were processed. This includes aluminum, newspaper, cardboard, mixed paper, brown paper bags, junk mail/magazines, steel cans, glass, batteries, and #1 and #2 plastic. As well, bottles and cans were collected for Vermont redemption. This saved taxpayers \$3078.00 in tipping fees (\$96.40 per ton).

Hoyt Trucking provided pickup service of our recyclables on a no fee-no income basis during the first three quarters of the year. During the last quarter a fee of \$60 per pick-up began and this charge may well fluctuate, depending upon the market. Although we were fortunate not to incur hauling charges for a portion of the year and a savings of approximately \$550 was realized. We anticipate expenses for hauling in 1997 to be at or above levels experienced in prior years. Usage of the center has increased dramatically since LaBounty discontinued its pick-up of recyclable material.

1996 Expenses

Trucking	\$220.00
Mattress Bags	80.00
Lumber	51.60
Gift to Sullivan County helpers	72.00
Total Expenses	\$423.60

1996 Income

Vermont deposit bottles & Cans	\$414.30
(This revenue credited to General Fund)	

The Center is preparing a product for market which means that items must be clean, compact and sorted. Check aluminum on the magnet provided (aluminum does not stick) until you know your brands. Please remember to keep Vermont deposit plastics, cans and bottles separate to be placed in the shed for redemption.

The Center is open every Saturday from 9 to 11 a.m., except on holiday weekends, until plowed after storms, and by chance if -10 F or colder. The Center's operations depend upon volunteers. Please consider volunteering, if only once or twice during the year. New members of the community, as well as the old, are encouraged to sign up to assist with Saturday operations, minor repairs, publication assistance, community education or any other area where your skills and interest could be of help. A considerable savings is realized by keeping the center volunteer operated, and it is a great opportunity to meet those in the community who frequent the center. Feel free to contact any of the committee members for additional information.

Donna Bleazard
Leigh Callahan
Rev Wightman

Richard Thompson
Nancy Wightman
Janice Orion

Connie Kousman
Pat Pinkson-Burke
Barbara and Paul Atherton

SULLIVAN COUNTY REGIONAL REFUSE DISPOSAL DISTRICT (SCRRDD)

1996 REPORT

During the past year the Sullivan County Regional Refuse Disposal District agreed, without competitive bids, to a new contract with Wheelabrator Corp. The main selling point was a promise to reduce the tipping fee to \$75 per ton.

But, since the contract was signed, costs to retro-fit the incinerator have been estimated at 1.6 and 3.4 million dollars, eighty percent of which Cornish and other district towns must pay.

Because the Wheelabrator trash burner produces electricity, and because we signed this new contract with them, the town is caught in the electric utility restructuring process. According to the trash district's lawyer, a utility restructuring bill now in the legislature, if passed, could cost our district towns millions of dollars.

Our new contract with Wheelabrator also includes a Wheelabrator bond refinancing plan involving Wall Street investors who included a provision in the new contract stating that Cornish and all district towns must pay all above costs through their property taxes. Cornish selectmen asked the attorney general for help during the contract negotiations but were turned down. I voted against the Wheelabrator proposal.

In my opinion, the Town's best interests are not being served by our arrangement for trash disposal at the Wheelabrator trash burning incinerator in Claremont. Cornish residents pay twice as much, \$100 per ton, to use the incinerator as those people who use the Lebanon landfill pay. Air pollution from burning trash in Claremont settles in Cornish. The private trash industry wields an enormous decision-making influence on the public administration of the Solid Waste Project. As a result, the Project, as it exists today, is not the inexpensive regional cooperative that Cornish people voted to join in 1982.

I recommend that Cornish residents consider two actions that I believe will move us toward a sound public policy for less costly trash management:

1) Establish convenient recycling throughout the town. The closest example of successful town-wide recycling is that of Plainfield, where residents set out one container for paper products and another container for metals, glass and plastic. These two recycling categories comprise approximately fifty percent of residential trash.

2) Seek alternatives to incineration for our trash.

Technical assistance for implementation of the above suggestions is available and has been requested from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services.

William E. Gallagher
Cornish SCRRDD Representative
Donna Bleazard
Alternate Representative

CORNISH FAIR ASSOCIATION 1996 REPORT

1996 saw a major change at the Cornish Fair with the addition of new rides and midway. This resulted in an increase in ticket sales by 450 and an increase in the gross income from rides by 25% over 1996.

The Cornish Fair continues to emphasize agriculture, community, and youth. 4-Hers received over \$7,000 in prize money for their exhibits with animals, crafts, and individual skills. Animal and farm shows provide a large portion of our entertainment including the re-introduction of the pig scramble.

Through the cooperation of many local groups; Boy Scouts, PTO, Rescue Squad, and the Cornish church - services were provided to the Fair and these groups were able to raise funds for their organizations. This enables the Fair to benefit the entire community.

There were several new additions to the Fair; the new permanent light at the bottom of the school driveway, direction signs, the Grange-built Marion and Jessie Stone food booth, and a new quilt department at the school.

We thank all of our volunteers; exhibitors, and the Fair-going public for the success of the Fair, and remind the community that the Fair Association is open to all who wish to join us.

Martha Churchill, Secretary
Cornish Fair Association

CORNISH HONOR SOCIETY 1996 REPORT

Our Trustees were not successful in getting a Computer Club started at the Cornish Elementary School during 1996, despite the help of Principal Scott Kalter. It is apparently difficult to compete with existing school programs! Additionally, the Trustees of the George H. Stowell Free Library decided not to go online during 1996 so our efforts to introduce the Internet at the Library were not successful, although we hope for a future change of policy by the Library Trustees.

The Honor Society Trustees intend to purchase a reference encyclopedia on CD-ROM for use on the computer at the George Stowell Library in early 1997. However we have not yet come up with a comprehensive program for 1997. Therefore, anyone with suggestions to help, or with ideas to focus the Trustees in this matter, should contact any of the Trustees.

Trustees of the Cornish Honor Society

John White, Chair
Bill Ardinger, Treasurer
Ann Neidecker
Jill Edson

Joanne Ardinger, Vice Chair
Bernice Johnson, Secretary
Mike Yatsevitch

GEORGE H. STOWELL FREE LIBRARY 1996 REPORT

For years the Stowell Library has borrowed many books from other libraries, (101 this year alone!), for our patrons. This year, for the first time, our collection appears as a listing on the New Hampshire Automated Information System, allowing other libraries in New Hampshire to access *our* books. It is wonderful to be able to return the generosity so often extended to our library. It is also encouraging to know that we have a collection worth borrowing from.

We are changing the way we provide periodical, (magazine and newspaper), information to our patrons. The New Hampshire State Library now provides an article delivery service, called "Article Express", designed for small libraries like ours. They have a collection of nearly 400 periodicals, a substantial improvement in access for our library. We can request, (via the computer), a magazine or newspaper article, and the State Library guarantees delivery within 48 hours.

Twenty-seven children signed up for the state-sponsored summer reading program, this year entitled "Reading...the best game around!" Seventeen of those children met or exceeded the reading goal they had set in June. Many children who did not reach their goal made it at least halfway. Those who did reach their goal read a total of 225 books during the six weeks of our program.

The library was the beneficiary of a concert/dance held in September. Organized by Curt Wyman, the show featured the very popular Al Alessi Band. We were very pleased with the idea of a benefit for the library, and also with the idea of live music and fun for the community right here in Cornish. Perhaps with some encouragement this can become an annual event/fundraiser for the library.

The bookmobile was on the road again this year, delivering materials to Cornish residents unable to visit the library. Sadly, the bookmobile will continue without the help of library and bookmobile volunteer Pam Collins, who passed away in October. Her presence in the library will be missed.

Due to popular demand, Friday evening hours were returned to the library schedule. The Friday hours will be part of our winter schedule (November-April) of each year.

As always, we are grateful to the dedicated volunteer staff who work at the library each week. Their energy and generosity make the library and its services possible. Thank you all for your help and support.

See you at the library!

Kate Freeland
Librarian

Circulation Statistics - 1996

People	2,993	Books	3,671
Magazines	342	Tapes	874
Copier	252	Computer	229

GEORGE H. STOWELL FREE LIBRARY

Budget Report

1996 INCOME:		Change from previous year
Balance 12/31/95	\$ 949.40	\$ 465.69
Trust Funds	904.07	-118.49
Town Funds	8,270.00	-133.00
Interest	41.99	-0.38
Book Fines	226.15	28.32
Book Sale	107.62	37.12
Donations	593.52	171.52
Copier Fund	221.99	
Dance	188.46	
TOTAL INCOME	\$11,503.20	\$861.23
LESS EXPENSES FOR 1995:	10,314.80	
BALANCE 12/31/96	\$ 1,188.40	

1997 INCOME (ESTIMATED):		Change from last year
Balance 12/31/96	\$1,188.40	\$239.00
Trust Funds	900.00	-4.07
Requested Town Funds	8,720.60	450.60
Interest, book sale, donations	300.00	00.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$11,109.00	\$685.53
1997 BUDGETED EXPENSES:	\$11,109.00	\$1,172.00

APPROPRIATION REQUESTED FROM THE TOWN: \$8,721

Expenses	Estimated 1996	Actual 1996	Estimated 1997	Change
Librarian	\$3,770.00	\$3,770.00	\$4,030.00	\$260.00
Social Security	270.00	269.64	286.00	16.00
Medicare	63.00	63.00	67.00	4.00
Library training	150.00	0.00	150.00	0
Books	2,400.00	3,178.09	2,800.00	400.00
Periodicals	375.00	386.53	375.00	0
Audio-Visuals	300.00	265.27	300.00	0
General Supplies	200.00	17.28	200.00	0
Trustee expenses	25.00	15.00	25.00	0
Building maintenance	300.00	21.95	500.00	200.00
Janitor	576.00	576.00	576.00	0
Electricity	300.00	269.09	300.00	0
Oil/wood	1,000.00	801.59	1,000.00	0
Telephone	450.00	361.82	400.00	-50.00
Postage	70.00	76.00	70.00	0
Advertising	20.00	21.55	30.00	10.00
Copier		221.99		
TOTALS:	\$10,269.00	\$10,314.80	\$11,109.00	\$820.00

Librarian's salary: \$7.75/hour for 10 hours for 52 weeks.

Social security is figured at 6.2%, Medicare at 1.45%

CORNISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY 1996 REPORT

During the past year the Society played a more active role in the community than it has done in recent years. Instead of its focus being on acquiring items of local historical interest and being a repository for their preservation and protection, the Society was in the fortunate position of being able to present its resources to a wider audience.

First, its archives and ephemera were mined for illustrative material for the book by Virginia Colby and James B. Atkinson, *Footprints of the Past; Images of Cornish, New Hampshire, and the Cornish Colony*. Most of the items used came from Virginia's collection and were, generously donated to us by her son, George M. Reed; it was indeed appropriate that they were used in this way.

Second, thanks to the initiative of Polly Rand and the Mill Creek Gallery, an exhibition entitled "Early Pictures of Cornish" was mounted at the Mill Creek Gallery in the Town Offices. Drawing on the timely loan from community members, including Fritz and Anne Hier, Bernice Johnson, Beth Lum, Calvin and Freda Monroe, Wayne and Ethel Nelson, John and Polly Rand, Hannah Schad, Peter and Caroline Storrs, and David and Ginnie Wood, this show of photographs from the turn of the century makes for interesting, reminiscent viewing as we approach the end of the century. Please take some time to enjoy the show, which will be on view until the middle of March. We hope that it will prompt other Cornish residents to lend us some of their memorabilia so that we can mount similar shows in the future.

Our meeting topics have continued this notion of fond reminiscence. In September Fritz Hier, with the help of Bernice Johnson, talked about "Unforgettable Cornish Characters I've Known." The audience was so taken with the presentation that it wanted the topic repeated with special attention to the women of Cornish. Several names were suggested; do you have any you would like included? In the following month we heard from James W. Mueller, an archaeologist with the National Park Service. He led an investigatory team that conducted an archaeological dig at the Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site in the fall of 1991. Combining detective work and hypotheses worthy of Sherlock Holmes, he described what the evidence unearthed from the 1944 fire at the Studio of the Caryatids could tell us about Saint Gaudens, his creative activity, and his working methods.

The topics for this year center on calling to mind Cornish's turn-of-the-century atmosphere and its more recent past. On April 14 Joanne Lemieux, a docent and ranger at the Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site will present a slide lecture describing what the typical social scene might have looked like during "A Day at 'Aspet'." Then on May 12 Bernice Johnson and Teenie Rock will remind us of what "The Old Cornish Flat" looked and felt like. Finally, on June 9, Colin Sanborn, president of the Claremont Historical Society, will discuss "Cornish and Claremont: Some Historical Connections."

This year we regretfully accepted the resignation of Marie Stevens as our vice-president, but are happy to welcome Betty Caterino to our Board.

We should like to remind you that we offer the following items for purchase to help further the work of the Society. They are available during regular business hours at the Town Clerk's Office, at the Bittersweet Antiques Shop in Cornish Flat, and from Ethel Nelson:

- * *Revolutionary War Papers* -- General Jonathan Chase,
- * *History the Town of Cornish*, Volumes I & II (1975 reprint) -- William H. Child,
- * *History of Cornish, New Hampshire*, Volume III -- Barbara E Rawson,
- * *A Brief History of Cornish, 1763-1974* (1991 reprint with Supplement), Hugh M. Wade.

The Supplement describes and illustrates the town's four covered bridges, its four historical highway markers, and its recent town buildings. It also provides an index of Cornish Residents from 1961 to 1974; a list of everyone who lived in town but was excluded from the genealogies published in the two most recent town histories,

* *Footprints of the Past; Images of Cornish, New Hampshire, and the Cornish Colony*, a book that complements the material contained in the four previous books about Cornish's past,

* Cornish Windsor Covered Bridge note paper, postcards, tiles, and sterling silver and bronze medals.

Our meetings are always open to anyone who would like to attend. Furthermore the Society welcomes new members who share our interest in the town's past.

Jim Atkinson, President
Betty Caterino, Vice President
Bernice Johnson, Secretary
Beth Lum, Corresponding Secretary
Hannah Schad, Treasurer



Pulsipher's Store and Attwood's Garage in Cornish Flat
Now the site of Dingee Machine Shop
Photo Courtesy of Bernice Johnson

CORNISH MEETINGHOUSE 1996 REPORT

The Cornish Meetinghouse again had a quiet year. Repairs were kept to a minimum; the exterior walls are beginning to show their age and will probably need to be painted soon.

We again thank Carlene and Jim Guy, Nancy Wightman and Audrey Jacquier for routinely winding the clock. Many in the Flat enjoy the ring of the bell.

The building is used regularly by the Historical Society and other organizations but is welcome to all who wish to use the building. There is no charge for any nonprofit Cornish organization; private requests may get a contract by calling the Trustees.

Financial Report 1996

Balance on Hand 1/1/96		\$2,199.82
Income		
Interest Income	\$62.68	
Total Income		62.68
Expenses		
Fuel	\$ 140.93	
Electricity	120.71	
Less Total Expenses		-261.64
Balance on Hand 1/1/97		\$2,000.86
Caroline Storrs, Chairperson	Susan Chandler, Secretary	
George Edson, Treasurer	Orville Fitch	
Mark Burgess	John Dryfhout, Honorary Trustee	

CORNISH HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION 1996 REPORT

An application for inclusion of the Cornish Art Colony has been submitted to the National Register of Historic Places in Washington, DC. As the Register has requested additional information, the Historic District Commission is currently seeking funds from private sources to finance the necessary investigations.

Any person interested in helping to preserve the historic heritage of the Town is invited to contact any one of the undersigned.

Tony Neidecker
Nancy Newbold
Stuart Hodgeman, Selectmen's Representative
James Atkinson
Barbara Lewis

Caroline Storrs
John Dryfhout
Jenny Schad
Nina Lloyd

SPIRIT COMMITTEE 1996 REPORT

The Spirit Committee had organized a project in which the eighth grade class would paint the Cornish Flat cemetery picket fence. The eighth grade class wished to do something for the town as a "Thank-you" but, unfortunately, encountered an unusually wet month of June. Each attempt was cancelled due to rain. The paint brushes are all purchased so we do hope to fulfill the obligation this spring with this year's eight graders!

The Spirit Committee has also had a request to paint the interior of the library so this appears to be this year's upcoming project as well as the painting of the picket fence in the Flat. We always need volunteers so save a weekend in the spring.

Projects completed to date:

- 1988 Painting the exterior of the Town Hall and adjacent old School House
- 1989 Painting the exterior of Town Sheds in the Flat and landscaping around the sheds and library.
- 1990 Siding and painting of the school with tree planting at the school and in front of the Meetinghouse. Painting and stenciling (thanks to Polly Rand) of the interior of the Town Hall.
- 1991 Painting the interior and exterior of the Meetinghouse.
- 1992 Painting the interior hallways and cafeteria in the school.
- 1993 Landscaping and parking area improvement at the school.
- 1994 Painting the exterior of the Town Hall.
- 1995 Landscaping repair of discarded oil tanks at school.
- 1996 Postponed due to rain.

Sincerely,

Caroline Storrs, Susan Chandler,
and Nancy Newbold, Co-Chairpersons
Kathi Osterlund, Susan Weld and
Mariet Jaarsma

VISITING NURSE ALLIANCE OF VERMONT AND NEW HAMPSHIRE 1996 REPORT

We are very grateful for the continued support Cornish provides to help VNA meet the home care and hospice needs of its community members. Here are some crucial points to consider regarding the importance of funding VNA programs in your town.

- VNA services are available to persons of all ages and all economic means.
- Hospital discharge planners and attending physicians work closely with VNA to decide a course of treatment for each home health care patient.
- Our VNA staff from the Windsor Regional Home Health Agency Branch provides skilled services for people who:
 - are recovering from surgery, have an acute illness, or disability
 - require long term care
 - need support and symptom control during a terminal illness
- Town funds help provide care for people who do not have adequate insurance or the ability to pay.

Changes in health care systems nationally are placing the very heart of patient care responsibility in the hands of home care agencies. VNA is pleased to help ensure a health care safety net for the people of Cornish.

The following services were provided in the Town of Cornish:

Visits 7/1/95-6/30/96:

Nursing	873
Physical Therapy	70
Speech Therapy	24
Occupational Therapy	16
Social Services	2
Home Health Aide	719
Homemaker	76
Total Visits	1,780

Hospice of the Upper Valley Volunteer Program Volunteers: 100 Hours,
Families Served: 5, Bereavement Support: 9 hours.
Flu Clinic Attendance: 11 persons

On behalf of the patients and families we serve, thank you for your continuing support.

Elizabeth J. Davis, RN, MPH
Chief Executive Officer

SULLIVAN COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL 1996 REPORT

The following is a report on the activities of the Sullivan County Economic Development Council for the year 1996. Successes highlighted are:

- A. Obtained another Community Development Block Grant from the Office of State Planning for the County. This Grant will allow SCEDC to expand its staff to four people that will assist the business's within the County.
- B. Continued to provide managerial and financial assistance to the Claremont Foundry. They currently employ 52 people with plans to expand even further.
- C. Assisted East Coast Steel, Inc. with its merger to the Claremont Facility. They are now completely relocated to Claremont and are employing some 150 people with additional plans to expand.
- D. Managed to expand our Revolving Loan Funds to approximately one million dollars. This money is utilized in stabilizing and assisting County business' to strengthen their financial positions.
- E. Issued a Start-up loan to Maple Leaf Technologies and helped them locate to Charlestown.
- F. Assisted Clyde River Enterprises receive financial assistance to relocate from Windsor, VT to Charlestown, NH.

Our labor task force, after two years of meetings, has finally shaped the scope of information that we feel we need to bring the Sullivan County workforce into the 21st Century. SCEDC has joined forces with the New Hampshire Community Technical College, the University of Pennsylvania, and the US Census Bureau to jointly survey and monitor the areas labor picture. This will involve surveys, phone calls, creation of data bases, and development of on-going programs to enhance our ability to compete now and into the future.

SCEDC continues to market the region and its workforce around the world in hopes of acquiring healthy, good paying jobs for the citizens of Sullivan County. Should there be any additional questions from reading this report, please feel free to contact SCEDC at (603) 543-1298.

Stephen A. Marro
Executive Director

STOUGHTON HOUSE, INC 1996 REPORT

Stoughton House, Inc. is requesting an appropriation of \$1000 from the Town of Cornish for the 1997 budget year. We have recently purchased the Evarts House located at 34 Main Street in Windsor and expect to begin restoration of this 1797 historic building in April, 1997. Upon completion in mid-summer, we will be able to offer independent living with supported services. We will then begin renovation of Stoughton House to make all rooms private with private baths and up-grade our elevator, kitchen, plumbing and heating, etc. We are very excited about this project and the increased services we will be able to offer!

We are aware of the growing need for home-delivered meals as people remain at home longer with increased supportive services. It is our intent to continue participation in this essential program. Following is a report of meals served and delivered to Cornish residents:

Town of Cornish	1996	1995	1994	1993	1992
Meals Delivered	428	339	795	685	586
Nonresident Meals at SH	74	59	102	0	110
Total Meals	502	398	897	685	696
Total Cost*	\$1958	\$1353	\$3050	\$1891	\$1682
Appropriation	\$1000	\$1500	\$900	\$900	\$900
Difference	(\$958)	(\$ 147)	\$2150	\$685	\$696

*Includes food costs, personnel, packaging and transportation.

Nancy A. Worden
Administrator

**CONNECTICUT RIVER JOINT COMMISSIONS
MT. ASCUTNEY SUBCOMMITTEE
1996 REPORT**

Representatives from riverfront towns in the Mt. Ascutney region have been meeting monthly to complete the river corridor management plan. Our subcommittee, made up of appointed citizens representing local business, agriculture, local government, riverfront landowners, recreation, and conservation, has been looking into the river issues we consider important to each community in the region. We and the other four subcommittees have created this plan completely by consensus. This is truly an historic historic event: no one has ever attempted to construct a citizen-based plan for a river as large as the Connecticut, and certainly not on a bi-state basis.

The plan provides a home-grown blueprint for how all of us--communities, landowners, businesses, agencies--can recognize what an asset a great river like the Connecticut can be to our towns. The plan focuses on water quality, fisheries and aquatic habitat, wildlife, endangered species, agriculture, recreation and access, bank erosion, and development.

The Subcommittee learned that one of the greatest threats to water quality, aquatic habitat, and waterbased recreation is bank erosion, a very complicated issue. Our study has also shown that our towns should consider carefully the potential effects of allowing development too close to the river.. Flooding this spring and summer demonstrated that the river will use its floodplain for flood storage.

The plan is now being prepared for printing and will be ready for public review this spring. The Connecticut River Joint Commissions will invite the planning, zoning, and conservation commissions, selectmen, and the public to consider which of its findings and recommendations our town might consider for adoption. We welcome anyone who is interested in learning more about the plan to contact us in the meantime.

The Mt. Ascutney River Subcommittee of the CRJC, formed in 1993 under the NH Rivers Management and Protection Act, includes riverfront towns from Plainfield to Charlestown, NH and Hartland to Rockingham, VT. In addition to preparing the plan, the Subcommittee advises the states and the CRJC on actions that could affect the river. The Subcommittee is advisory and has no regulatory powers. All meetings are open to the public and take place on the second Tuesday of each month from 7-9 pm at the Windsor House. Citizens are encouraged to attend and contribute their ideas. If you wish to serve on the Subcommittee, please contact the selectmen.

Cheston Newbold, Commissioner
Jeremiah Evarts, Member
Mt. Ascutney Subcommittee

UPPER VALLEY LAKE SUNAPEE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION 1996 Report

The Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission is a voluntary association of 31 towns. The Commission is concerned with the development of comprehensive plans for beneficial and balanced economic, environmental and social growth in the Region. It functions as a research, resource, and informational agency, and when appropriate, acts to obtain Federal, State and other approvals, grants-in-aid, loans and similar assistance for individual member towns and for the Region. The Commission provides technical assistance to member communities in the areas of planning (land use, transportation, water quality, etc.), mapping, community development, grantsmanship and grant administration. In addition, regional publications, such as our Regional Transportation Plan, and regional projects such as household hazardous waste collections and the Connecticut River Scenic Byway Study, are undertaken to the benefit of more than one community.

In the past year, services such as our Planning Board training series and library, which features maps, planning resources and US Census data, were available to all of our member communities. Cornish residents have taken advantage of some of these services.

In 1996 our work specifically for the Town of Cornish included:

- Researched questions about merger, including: is subdivision needed if a lot is divided by a road; how is assessing after subdivision done; what about assessing if land is in current use and is subdivided, but is not sold?
- Provided goals/mission statement for finance committee.
- Met with Planning Board to review local inventory data collected for the scenic byway study.
- Created and provided map of agricultural lands, prime agricultural soils and protected lands.
- Advised on best approach for developing a new zoning map.
- Organized and administered four regional household hazardous waste collections, and wrote two successful grant applications to offset the cost..

Services Which Benefit all Member Communities

- Consult and help residents of member communities as, and when, asked.
 - Meet with state officials and agency representatives to influence policy and to help keep the Region an active participant in many ongoing programs. This includes activity with transportation, solid waste, economic development, and environmental regulatory agencies in both New Hampshire and Vermont.
 - Maintain a library of regional data, maps and planning resources, and answer many requests for information.
 - Use the Geographical Information System (GIS) to perform mapping and analyses for member towns.
 - Assist the Upper Valley Solid Waste District in dealing with solid waste issues.
- Provide general staff support for the district.
- Publish a newsletter to inform and educate our members about planning issues and events in the states of New Hampshire and Vermont.
 - Work in cooperation with the Sullivan County Economic Development Commission and Green Mountain Economic Development Corporation.
 - Sponsor local sessions of the NH Municipal Law Lecture Series.
 - Provide technical assistance to Advance Transit.
 - Use the Regional Transportation Advisory Committee to develop regional policies and recommendations for the Regional Transportation Plan.

- Provide data about our regional build-out analysis which forecast the population and number of dwellings in the Region when totally built out.
 - Revise and update the Regional Plan
 - Sponsor planning board training sessions in New Hampshire and Vermont
 - Work with Upper Valley Land Trust and the Society for the Protection of NH Forests to protect open space and conserve important parcels of land.
 - Participate in and work with the Connecticut River Valley Resource Commission.
 - Review land use controls and master plans and suggest amendments.
 - Update the Regional Profile, a compendium of information about the Region.
- Many businesses use this resource.
- Focus on the regional economy through our Economic Initiative Project.

Our Commission looks forward to serving Cornish in the coming year.

J. Cheston Newbold
Cornish Representative

COMMUNITY YOUTH ADVOCATES, INC. 1996 Report

Community Youth Advocates and Chandler House programming is specifically intended to maintain the family integrity whenever possible and practical by providing education, prevention, intervention, crisis counseling and recreational services to the youth and their families of Sullivan County. These services are intended to empower the youth and their families to work out healthy solutions to their problems and to thereby prevent the out-of-home placement of as many at-risk youth as possible.

Community Youth Advocates and Chandler House maintain that by keeping the services local, and allowing the family members to remain in close proximity of each other, these intervention services are more effective.

Youth and families are the foundation of a healthy society. CYA's guiding principle is; to not just offer help to people, but to empower each youth and family member by strengthening family ties, promoting healthy alternatives and supporting diversity and encouraging community-based services and partnerships. This is accomplished by working closely with all area service providers, schools, courts, and police. Together, Community Youth Advocates and Chandler House strive to create innovative community resources that ensure the essential needs, of today's youth and their families, are met by supporting individual programs and other community endeavors.

During the past year we worked with a total of 3 youths from Cornish for a total of 11 hours of counseling and intervention and 20.25 hours stay at Chandler House.

Terry Thorburn
Office Manager

SULLIVAN COUNTY HOSPICE, INC. 1996 REPORT

We at Sullivan County Hospice are requesting \$250 from the Town of Cornish. Sullivan County Hospice has been in existence since 1984. We are a volunteer agency, governed by a board of directors. The board of directors is comprised of 10 members all of whom reside in Sullivan County.

Our goal and purpose is to provide practical and emotional support to terminally ill patients and their families within Sullivan County. The majority of our patients are home hospice patients. They have decided to remain at home under the care of their families and we provide most of our services in that setting. However, we are flexible enough to follow and serve patients and families in the hospital or nursing home setting as well. Our volunteers are fully trained in areas such as death and dying, active listening, universal precautions, and grief. A few of the ways our volunteers might provide practical support include respite for caregivers, running errands, light meal preparation. These volunteers provide emotional support to both the patient and the family by being available to them, by listening, reassuring and encouraging.

Our referrals come from doctors, nurses, visiting nurse associations, discharge planners, and from family members or patients themselves. Our only requirements for service are that the patient be terminally ill and that they reside in Sullivan County. We accept all referrals on that basis and there is never a charge for our service.

In addition to providing volunteer services Sullivan County Hospice offers a bereavement support group and a cancer support group. Each of these groups are open to anyone. We maintain a loan closet with hospital beds, walkers, commodes, and other equipment that is useful in the home setting. These are loaned at no charge and in some cases this service helps considerably to keep out of pocket expenses lower for the patient. All of these services are available to the residents of Sullivan County.

We thank you in advance for your consideration. We hope that you will continue to support our work with your financial contribution, as we continue in our efforts to support the terminally ill and their families in Sullivan County.

Annie Alcorn, Director
Sullivan County Hospice

REPRESENTATIVE PETER HOE BURLING 1996 REPORT

In November, the voters of Plainfield and Cornish returned me to the Legislature. I am delighted and honored to be back. I go to Concord each day with a new Governor in office, and a feeling in my heart that a great deal in the Capitol is new and different. There is a spirit of accomplishment in the air, a feeling that by working together, politicians of both parties can and will make a difference.

I was elected Democratic Leader of the New Hampshire House on November 23rd. In that job, I am the leader of one hundred forty-five Democrats serving in the House, and I am also a member of the House Leadership Team. I am assisted by a highly qualified group of reps from around the state, and I work on a daily basis with people in Republican leadership with whom I share long-term friendships.

As Democratic Leader, I am trying hard to emphasize bipartisanship in the Legislature. Our new Governor has made it clear that she wishes to work with all the people of New Hampshire in her search for answers to our problems. That is an approach to government that I think will take us far. We need to provide for universal kindergarten in this state; it's no longer funny to be the only state in the Union that doesn't offer kindergarten to all its children. By working together, we can make it happen.

My only sadness in returning to Concord this year is that Sandy Stettenheim will not be in the Legislature with me. Everyone I speak with in Concord talks of Sandy's dedication and hard work when she was representative for Sullivan District One. She has represented all of us in Concord to the best of her abilities, and the work she has done over the past two years has brought credit to all of us in the Upper Valley.

My friend and colleague, Merle Schotanus, has experienced some changes in his committee assignment. He is now on Public Works, where he will play a central role in the adoption of our Capital Budget. I look forward to working closely with him over the next two years.

Representative Peter Hoe Burling
Cornish and Plainfield
District 1, Sullivan County

REPRESENTATIVE MERLE W. SCHOTANUS 1996 REPORT

1996 was a historic year in state government in both political and legislative terms. Republican Governor Merrill's surprise announcement in April that he would not seek a third term started a round of political musical chairs that ended with the election of a Democrat, and the state's first woman Governor. In the Legislature, Representative Donna Sytek of Salem became the state's first woman Speaker of the House and the Democrats made significant gains in both the House and the Senate. In the '96 legislative session, lawmakers opened up the electric utility and healthcare markets, passed kindergarten incentive funding after years of trying, and took a stab, albeit weak, at temporarily solving the state's perennial fiscal problems. An increase in cigarette taxes was proposed but defeated, as was raising revenues through the licensing and regulation of video gambling machines. All of this sets the stage for two exciting legislative sessions in the FY 97-98 biennium.

1997 will likely be a year in which the new Governor emphasizes pragmatic solutions to problems without the political rhetoric we have been used to. The legislative debate is likely to concentrate on budget priorities; electric utility deregulation; education funding; an increased cigarette tax, and legalizing video poker machines at the state's horse and dog race tracks. There will be little chance of funding existing programs at a respectable level or increasing state aid to municipalities without raising additional revenue. You can expect the legislature to tinker with existing taxes, but reform of New Hampshire's antiquated and inequitable tax structure is not in the cards. Additionally, the state was warned by the major bond rating services in December, 1996 that it must put its fiscal house in order if it is to maintain its current high bond rating of AA+. This is critical because the higher the bond rating, the less interest cost to the taxpayer for state borrowing. The warning came as a result of recurring operating deficits over the past three years.

After eight rewarding years on the House Finance Committee, I will now serve as the clerk of the Public Works and Highways Committee, which deals with the state's capital budget, highways, bridges and public building projects. Although busy, the committee's relatively relaxed pace, compared to the hectic schedule of the finance committee, will allow me more time to pursue other legislation of interest to my constituents. I will be working on several bills in the 1997 session, including, among others, conservation license plates, 1848 abortion laws, snowmobile registration fees, Red Cross emergency volunteers, local approval of river corridor plans, milfoil, and forest landowner estate taxes.

I am pleased to report that the FY 97 \$15.1 million county budget required a zero tax increase, thanks to efficient management by the county administrator and commissioners. I will, for the sixth time, chair the fourteen member Sullivan County legislative delegation. I am pleased to welcome Representative Dick Leone from Sunapee to the delegation. His vast experience in education administration and town government will add greatly to the delegation's expertise. I also welcome back to the District 3 team Peter Burling of Cornish, who is no stranger to the legislature. Peter will put his broad public affairs experience and expertise to work as the leader of the loyal opposition in the House. I wish also to publicly thank two departing members of the District 3 legislative team for their outstanding service to their constituents, county government, and the State of New Hampshire: Tom Behrens of Sunapee who returns full time to the business world after 10 years of legislative service, and Sandy Stettenheim of Plainfield, who retired after one term to pursue other endeavors with her husband, Peter. I am confident that the newly elected team of Burling, Leone and Schotanus will continue to provide strong, visible representation in Concord and at the county for the residents of Districts 1, 2, and 3, Sullivan County.

Finally, I wish to thank all those who continue to have confidence in me to represent your interests in Concord, as indicated by your very supportive vote in November, 1996 to elect me to a seventh term. As always, I stand ready to serve you in Concord and in the County. You can reach me in Grantham (863-2293, or 28 Sugarwood Lane, 03753-7725) or in Concord (271-3565, or Room 201, LOB, Concord, 03301).

Representative Merle W. Schotanus
District 3, Sullivan County
Grantham

REPRESENTATIVE SANDY STETTENHEIM 1996 Report

The NH House is highly representative, democratic and dependent upon the hard work of its members in their respective committees. There one learns that the most appropriate action for a given problem may be no legislation, that other more appropriate solutions can be found. The dilemma, of course, is in recognizing those situations. Many of those decisions are made during the committee deliberations. The committee to which I was assigned, Executive Departments and Administration, fulfilled its responsibility as a thorough and objective reviewer of the proposed legislation under its jurisdiction. Because the bills must be voted on by all members of their respective chambers, there is further opportunity to discuss the issues.

Our county government is competently overseen by the three County Commissioners, with the County Delegation (State Representatives) having responsibility for final action on the proposed budget. As the Delegation's Clerk, I attended all meetings of the Finance Committee, as well as the Delegation meetings, and was impressed to see how constructively the Commissioners and Delegates worked together and with the county administrators to provide quality services for Sullivan County residents while maintaining the low level of taxation.

Although I have completed my term of office, I again voice concern about the probable revenue shortfall in the state budget and its potential impact on the counties and local communities. The House's earlier predictions of March '95 may have been more accurate than either Governor Merrill's optimistic figures or the Senate's compromise budget. Burdensome property taxes continue to label NH communities as being among the most highly assessed in the nation. I hope the current session will finally realize a legislative review of the total tax structure which will not have to overcome a Governor's veto as was the situation for the last two years. Relevant support for efficient and effective public schools was also a major focus of the previous legislature. Similar legislation may fair better with Governor Shaheen.

Thank you for the opportunity to have served as your Representative for '95 and '96. The work was challenging and rewarding - and almost full-time. By the end of February, 1996, I realized that I should not seek a second term. Peter Burling is once again one of your Representatives. I am confident that he and Merle Schotanus, your other Representative, will continue their tireless efforts on behalf of the people of Cornish and Plainfield.

former Representative Sandy Stettenheim
Cornish & Plainfield
District 1, Sullivan County
January 7, 1997

REPORT TO DISTRICT ONE CITIZENS

By Raymond S. Burton, Councilor - District One

It is an honor to report to you as a member of the New Hampshire Executive Council. The Executive Council is five in number and serves much like a Board of Directors at the top of your Executive Branch of State Government in Concord. We vote on most contracts over \$2,500 to outside agencies, individuals and municipalities and major permits to use state waters. 267 unclassified positions as Commissioners and Directors within the Executive Branch of State Government and the entire Judicial Branch of NH State Government is voted in by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Executive Council. We also vote on gubernatorial nominations of hundreds of citizens to various boards and commissions as prescribed by NH Law. Anyone desiring further information should write or call our State House Office (listed below).

Citizens in this region should be attentive to several projects:

1) The statewide Health Care Council's 18 month planning project will be coming to conclusion in December of 1997. There are three very active Councils in this District. Information can be obtained by calling Commissioner Terry Morton, Department of Health and Human Services at 1-800-852-3345.

2) The ten year highway planning process will be underway this coming summer and fall. I will be conducting at least three hearings in this district to ascertain regional needs. Information on this project can be obtained by calling Commissioner Leon Kenison, Department of Transportation at 271-3735.

3) The NH Joint Tourist Promotional Program will, I expect, be funded at least with \$500,000 to be matched by local Chamber of Commerce and tourists groups to promote your region. Information on this program is available from Commissioner Robb Thomson, Department of Resources and Economic Development at 271-2411.

4) There is approximately \$172,000 waiting to be matched by local economic development promotion dollars from local groups. Information can be obtained on this program from Director Norman Storrs, Economic Development at 271-2341.

5) There is about 10 million dollars waiting for applications from local governments for Community Development Block Grants to improve your local town and area. Information on how to apply can be obtained by calling Director Jeff Taylor, Office of State Planning at 271-2155.

6) Local towns, cities, counties and eligible organizations should be aware of the large Federal and State Surplus Distribution Programs (the state surplus distribution center is open to the public at White Farm on Clinton Street in Concord, NH on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Further information may be obtained by calling Supervisor Art Haeussler, Surplus Distribution at 271-2602.

7) Citizens and groups concerned with disabilities should be aware of the large number of services available from the Developmental Disabilities Council by calling Director Alan Robichaud at 271-3236.

8) The Department of Environmental Services covering water, sewers, air, lakes and rivers has available information and financial resources by calling Commissioner Robert Varney or Assistant Commissioner Dana Bisbee at 271-3503.

9) The Department of Health and Human Services including elderly, mental health, human services, public health, drug and alcohol abuse are all under Commissioner Terry Morton at 1-800-852-3345.

Our State Government is small, effective and efficient. It is amazing how many services, both technical information and financial assistance, are available to eligible applicants and for proposals.

Please call my office at any time. I am at your service!

Raymond S. Burton, Room 207, State House, Concord, NH 03301 603-271-3632

Births Registered in the Town of Cornish For the Year Ending December 31, 1996

Date Of Birth	Place of Birth	Name of Child	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
02/03/96	Lebanon, NH	Hannah, Kelsey Lee	Michael Thomas Hannah	Cynthia Ann Parker
03/01/96	Lebanon, NH	Triller, Leah Rose	Darren Michael Triller	Anne Elizabeth Donnelly
03/03/96	Lebanon, NH	Blaisdell, Marin Nicole	George Lee Blaisdell Jr.	Sharon Linda Borland
03/27/96	Lebanon, NH	McGrath, Shauna Twitchell	Douglas McGrath	Mary Ann Twitchell
05/21/96	Lebanon, NH	Bass, Margaret Jean	James Caleb Bass III	Madeleine B. Butterfield
06/02/96	Lebanon, NH	Downing, Nathan Aron	Daryle Arthur Downing	Christina Lyn White
06/12/96	Lebanon, NH	Saben, Megan Elizabeth	Michael Adam Saben, Sr.	Jean Alice LaFlam
06/19/96	Claremont, NH	Yacono, Angela Marie	Michael David Yacono	Doris E. Davenport
06/23/96	Lebanon, NH	Woodcock, Matthew Cromwell	Mark Owen Woodcock	Emily Oliver Cromwell
07/27/96	Lebanon, NH	Borchert, Laura Elizabeth	James Ramsey Borchert	Susan E. Svensen
07/27/96	Lebanon, NH	Borchert, John Ramsey	James Ramsey Borchert	Susan E. Svensen
07/27/96	Lebanon, NH	Rychlik, Dylan Steven	Elbert Edward Rychlik Jr.	June Elizabeth Eastman
08/26/96	Lebanon, NH	Mcglone, Jeremy Dillon	Jeffrey Dale Mcglone	Gwendolyn Jane Barros
09/28/96	Claremont, NH	Jaarsma, Peter Wilson	Reyer Wilson Jaarsma	Heidi Marie Hildebrant
11/07/96	Lebanon, NH	Clark, Lindsey Madison	Gregory Alan Clark	Marcia Lynn Huckins
11/12/96	Lebanon, NH	Shatney, Robert Wayne III	Robert Wayne Shatney Jr.	Jennifer Beth Zimmer
11/29/96	Lebanon, NH	Peters, Esther Maureen	Stephen Ray Peters	Patricia Adams Smith
12/04/96	Lebanon, NH	Mulcahy, Grace Catherine	Matthew Mulcahy	Kathleen Anne Brand

I hereby certify that the above accounting is correct,
according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Reigh H. Rock, Town Clerk

Marriages Registered in the Town of Cornish For the Year Ending December 31, 1996

Date Of Marriage	BRIDE/GROOM		BRIDE	
	Name	Residence	Name	Residence
01/06/1996	Russell J. Comstock Jr.	Lebanon, NH	Tammy L. Robbins	Lebanon, NH
02/10/1996	Douglas Robert McGrath	Cornish Flat, NH	Mary Ann Twitchell	Cornish Flat
06/22/1996	Roger Kevin Rumrill	Charlestown, NH	Cara Lynn Rice	Charlestown, NH
06/22/1996	Colin Henry Balfour	Scotland, UK	Alexandra L. Geddes Miller	Scotland, UK
06/30/1996	Jon Eadie Molesworth	Waltham, MA	Sarah Louise Johnson	Waltham, MA
06/30/1996	Richard Gross Sher	Watertown, MA	Laura Leigh Price	Cambridge, MA
07/13/1996	Gary Lovejoy Hier	Cornish Flat, NH	Pamela Jeanne Black	Cornish Flat, NH
07/20/1996	Brian Scott Kearns	Cornish, NH	Julie Anne Desbiens	Acworth, NH
07/27/1996	David Earl Pacetti	Cornish, NH	Heather Marie Aubin	Cornish, NH
08/10/1996	David Carl McFarland	Hilliard, OH	Amy Elizabeth Raymond	Hilliard, OH
08/10/1996	Robert Johnson Ray	Springfield, VT	Kimberley Anne Merrow	S. Londonderry, VT
09/14/1996	Michael Alexander Moskalenko	Cornish, NH	Kristen Anne Locke	Cornish, NH
09/28/1996	William Todd Krein	San Jose, CA	Laurel Jeannine Hooper	San Jose, CA
09/28/1996	Robert Edward Downing	Cornish, NH	Lisa Ann Ray	Newport, NH
09/28/1996	Paul Edward Hunnewell	Barre, MA	Shannon Lyn Stone	Barre, MA
10/05/1996	Steven F. Monette	Cornish, NH	Sarah A. Jordan	Plainfield, NH
10/05/1996	Scott Anthony Menge	Raleigh, NC	Donna Carol Liles	Raleigh, NC
10/05/1996	Kevin Bruce Labore	Goffstown, NH	Stacy Kathryn Alves	Cornish, NH
10/13/1996	David Arthur Sauerwein	Durham, NH	Heather Marie Esty	Durham, NH
12/01/1996	Robert James Harris	Windsor, VT	Marie Anne Nalette	Windsor, VT

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Reigh H. Rock, Town Clerk

Deaths and Burials Registered in the Town of Cornish For the Year Ending December 31, 1997

<u>Date Of Death</u>	<u>Place of Death</u>	<u>Name of Deceased</u>	<u>Name of Father</u>	<u>Maiden Name of Mother</u>
02/02/1996	Claremont, NH	Devillers, Armand David	Antonio Devillers	Rose Bouraffa
03/17/1996	Claremont, NH	Hall, Eunice M.	Levi Nelson	Grace Smith
05/01/1996	Cornish, NH	Shatney, Robert Wayne Sr.	Clifton Shatney	Maribel Witcher
05/08/1996	Cornish, NH	Monroe, Donald Calvin	Calvin E. Monroe	Freda Scales
05/31/1996	Claremont, NH	Decatur, Clarence Bertrand	Dr. Edwin F. Decatur	Estelle Tallman
08/24/1996	Burlington, VT	Conlin, Arnold Dee	William K. Conlin	Vera Lane
08/27/1996	Lebanon, NH	Oszajca, Genevieve	Prokot Zommer	Anna Dubis
10/08/1996	Cornish, NH	Collins, Pamela Momethy	Frederick Momethy	Betty Zinck
10/10/1996	Unity, NH	Kingsley, Gladys M.	Unknown	Unknown
10/22/1996	Cornish, NH	Lurvey, Caroline Ida	Alfred Blanchard Sr.	Not Known
11/05/1996	Cornish, NH	Benware, Loretta Lucille	Edward A. Hardy	Lorenza L. Southiere
11/07/1996	Unity, NH	Bielarski, Anthony Joseph	Unknown	Unknown

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Reigh H. Rock, Town Clerk

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
Cornish School District

March 1997

Officers of the School District

Clerk	Kathryn Patterson
Treasurer	Brenda Jordan
Moderator	George Edson

School Board Members

Ray Evans	term expires 1997
Myron Kuhre	term expires 1997
Theresa Scott	term expires 1998
Katherine Freeland	term expires 1999
Richard Thompson	term expires 1999

Auditors

Plodzick & Sanderson

REPORT OF THE CORNISH SCHOOL BOARD

January, 1997

The time since we gathered in the Cornish School Gym on Saturday, March 23, 1996 seems to have flown by! This year we have returned to the traditional schedule of holding School District meeting on the first Saturday in March with Town Meeting the following Tuesday. We have also made a real effort this year, along with the Selectmen and the Moderator, to consider our budget preparation work as parts of the total town tax burden with the full participation of the Finance Committee. Toward this end there was a joint public hearing this year on both town and school budget proposals so that interested taxpayers could get the entire picture regarding the tax effect at one time instead of in two pieces.

Dr. Robert Patterson became Superintendent of Schools for SAU #6 on August 1, 1996, after an extensive search process by the SAU Board. One of the three primary functions of local school boards, along with preparation of the annual operating budget and creation of school policies, is to hire and supervise the administrators of our school. Although we enjoyed working with the Claremont and Unity boards on this search, it wouldn't disappoint us if we didn't have to do it again for ten years or so!

Last March we introduced the voters to the problems regarding the roof-top gas-fired heaters in the newest part of our school. You felt that a separate public meeting should be held later to deal specifically with this issue after more information had been gathered.

At a Special School Meeting held on May 28, 1996, the voters authorized the school board, by a vote of 100 to 8, to raise and appropriate \$185,000 to be used to solve the heating/ventilating problems. The new system was installed by ARC Mechanical of Bradford Vt. in the late summer and early fall, and is now in full operation. The addition of fresh make-up air to each classroom has been a welcome and noticeable relief to all who spend a significant portion of their lives in this school. I would like to publicly thank board member Richard Thompson and his Building Maintenance Committee, and SAU Business Manager Allen Damren, for their extraordinary efforts in shepherding this project through to completion.

The placement of our high school tuition students in area high schools continues to challenge your school board. In 1994-95 Hartford High School (which currently educates about half of our students) notified us of future space problems which might affect their ability to continue to accept new Cornish students. This year Hanover High School (which on average takes about 12 of our tuition students) is seriously considering discontinuing acceptance after this year's eight grade class. The "domino" effect created by this situation of increased high school student population in the Upper

Valley seriously threatens our current policy of "high school choice". This problem will certainly not go away and will require significant attention by your board from now on. We'll keep you posted!

Further compounding the high school placement problem is the increased enrollment in the Cornish middle school (grades 5–8). The classes of 30+ students that shocked our Kindergarten into double sessions a few years ago have now reached the "upper wing". Much discussion will take place at District Meeting this year regarding the need for additional staffing and additional space to relieve a very real over-crowding situation in that part of our school.

Finally, we need to address the problems of this town's most expensive asset — its school building. Each year your board is trying to upgrade at least one aspect of our physical plant. In the recent past we have dealt with the wiring in the upper wing attic (thanks to Dick Baril and Curt Wyman), replacement of our underground fuel storage tank, re-lamping of the entire school with the help of Federal grant money, and upgrade of the heating/ventilating system (as discussed earlier). This year's focus is on the upper wing attic and ceiling area as described in the current warrant article. Please support our efforts to maintain and improve your school's physical condition. Many of your neighbors and fellow taxpayers have volunteered their time and talents to prepare these proposals for your consideration.

Ray Evans, Chairperson
Richard Thompson, Vice-Chairperson
Terrie Scott, Secretary
Kate Freeland
Myron Kuhre



Chairman Ray Evans (standing) opens the February 11, 1997 public hearing on the proposed school budget. From left to right the seated board members are Myron Kuhre, Katherine Freeland and Theresa Scott.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

SAU #6

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I write my first report to you, the citizens of Cornish, as your new superintendent. The past six months have been very busy for me, as you might expect, and I welcome this opportunity to share my thoughts with you.

As I have met with teachers, community members, elected officials, and the clergy, I have been impressed regarding the high regard shown for education, the children of your community, and the Cornish Elementary School. Certainly there are challenges that need to be addressed and solved — space, course offerings, and increased services like reading, languages, and guidance — but I am confident that these issues will be addressed and thoroughly discussed at the appropriate public meetings. Your basic commitment to the children of Cornish is deeply felt and acknowledged.

As you review the budget you are being asked to vote upon, I would direct your attention to several areas that I believe need to be increased and that are part of the budget. The first area is reading. I have a deep and strongly felt belief that unless our students are challenged and guided in the most basic of skills — reading — that everything else in their academic lives will suffer. Accordingly, your principal has requested, and I concurred, that the time budgeted for the reading teacher should be increased. Secondly, your principal requested an increase in the budgeted time for your school guidance counselor. This is a request that I can wholeheartedly endorse. Running the essential guidance programs needed in today's schools means that a school needs more than the present half-time effort. I am painfully aware that the increases in reading and guidance raise property taxes. However, I hope you will agree that the students at the Cornish elementary school need more effort in these two essential areas than they are presently receiving.

As I write this report, your school board has not yet determined which course of action they will recommend to you regarding building space. As the days and weeks proceed forward, culminating in the annual school district meeting, I hope you will find the time to participate in discussions with your school board regarding this topic. It's a timely topic and a need exists. The solution rests with you, the community, and I hope you will make your opinions known.

In closing, you will note that you finished the school year 1995-96 "in the black". Regretfully, you are faced with an out-of-district placement this year that had not been foreseen when the 1996-97 budget was prepared. As a consequence, we find it necessary to ask you, this year, for a deficit appropriation to cover this unforeseen expense.

To those of you that I haven't yet had the pleasure of meeting, I look forward to that opportunity. My door is open to you and I honestly appreciate your thoughts and concerns.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert A. Patterson
Superintendent of Schools

STUDENT ENROLLMENT CORNISH SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Elementary School (1/24/97):

Kindergarten	19	4th Grade	23
1st Grade	29	5th Grade	32
2nd Grade	20	6th Grade	26
3rd Grade	23	7th Grade	24
3,4 Multi-age	13(3)+9(4)	8th Grade	32
		TOTAL ENROLLMENT:	250

Public High Schools (1/4/97):

	CLAREMONT	HARTFORD	HANOVER	WINDSOR	LEBANON	TOTAL
9th Grade	6	9	0	11	1	27
10th Grade	4	11	3	4	0	22
11th Grade	5	5	2	2	0	14
12th Grade	4	10	4	5	0	23
TOTALS:	19	35	9	22	1	86

PRINCIPAL & TEACHERS - Elementary School

Scott Kalter	Principal
Linda Coolidge(0.5)	Kindergarten
Dawn Crary	Grade 1
Susan Russo	Grade 1
Chantelle Orlen	Grade 2
Linda Fuerst	Grade 3
Rosamond Seidel	Grades 3,4 (multi-age)
Ruth Schneider	Grade 4
Henry Ruppertsberger(0.5)	5 Language Arts, Math&Science
Ruth Cassidy	5&6 Language Arts, 5 Soc. Studies
Caroline Storrs	8 Language Arts, 6,7,8 Soc. Studies
Ruth Little	7&8 Language Arts, 8 Soc. Studies
Salvatore D'Atri	5-8 Math, Algebra
Sandra Redlands	5-8 Science
Sharon Oszejca	Spec. Ed. specialist
Priscilla Paul	Spec. Ed.
Drewanne Reed (0.7)	Title 1, reading
Kathryn Mortimer (0.4)	Art
Constance Filbin(0.5)	Guidance
Jan Ranney (0.4)	Physical Education
Molly Bonhag (0.4)	Music
Kathryn Patterson (0.2)	Media Generalist

School Support Staff

Dale O'Connor	Secretary
Scott Bogle	Custodian
Clifton Bennett	Part-time custodian
Ilsa Pinkson-Burke	Nurse
Kathryn Patterson	Librarian
Susan Durant	Speech Therapist
Mary Gilmore	Para – Lower Wing
Rebecca Prue	Para – Upper Wing
Charlene Leonard	Para – Title 1
Linda Santulli	Para – Title 1
Stacy Doney	Para – Special Ed.
Ruth Moore	Para – Special Ed.
Cheryl Ryan	Para – Special-Ed.
Norma Garcia	Lunch Manager
Patricia Bennett	Lunch Assistant
Margaret Jones	Lunch Duty Aid

School Administrative Unit #6

Robert A. Patterson	Superintendent
Dr. John Caldon	Assistant Superintendent
Allen Damren	Business Administrator
Michael Harris	Director of Special Education
Ann Dieter	Assistant Business Administrator
Debra Lafko	Administrative Assistant
Carol Amell	Administrative Assistant
Louise Schultz	Administrative Assistant
Lynn Houghton	(part time) Administrative Assistant
Penny Derosier	Business Office Clerk
Dorothy Richmond	Payroll Clerk
Pamela Joslin	Receptionist/Administrative Assistant
Donald Johnson	Building Technician

CORNISH TUITION STUDENTS

January 24, 1997

CLAREMONT

GRADE 9

Devan Chandler
Luke Gendron
Raelyn Howard
Julia LaPlante
Jason Parkinson
Travis Wilcox

GRADE 10

Molly Blair
Jesse Nott
Lukus Tewksbury
Barry Williams

GRADE 11

Amanda D'Acunto
Adam Glidden
Jessica Laplante
Amanda Lukash
Joshua Pierce

GRADE 12

Alyssa Chandler
Allison Eastman
Skylar Gendron
Tim Lord

HANOVER

GRADE 10

Meghan Bergeron
Hayley Keefe
Alexandra Lang

GRADE 11

Morgan Atherton
Mathew Cosgriff

GRADE 12

Zachary Crosby
Jabez Hammond
Ian Saginor
Misha Yatsevitch

HARTFORD

GRADE 9

Courtney Amadon
Rebecca Baril
Kevin Caffrey
Sadie Dworak
Jordan Fitch
Jacob Goulet
Jennifer Grace
Meaganne Herrin
Jaimie LaClair

GRADE 10

Randy Baril
Douglas Caver
Edmund Durant
Angela Grace
Brian LaClair
Joshua Leblanc

GRADE 10 (cont'd)

Andrew Moriarty
Daniel Proulx
Jamie Smith
Matthew Wheatley
Kathryn Williams

GRADE 11

Erin Amadon
Sarah DeBoer
Timothy Therriault
Selena Wiltshire
Bennett Zapletal

GRADE 12

Megan Ballard
Ruth Birch
Jonathon Brasseur
Shawn Caffrey
Daryl Caver
Justin Goulet
Mathew LaClair
Justin Ranney
Travis Russin
Gabriel Zoerheide

LEBANON

GRADE 9

Hanna McMinn

GRADE 9

WINDSOR

Robert Adams
Ronald Adams
Sherry Call
Thomas Drury
Denise Fletcher
Hannah Hammond
Jessica Jones
Robert Kebalka
Jacob LeBlanc
Joshua Neily
Matthew Wood

GRADE 10

Rosco Adams
Katie Gray
Anna Morse
Andrea Neily

GRADE 11

Sarah Fletcher
Michael Morse

GRADE 12

Mellisa Cowdrey
Andrew Guyett
Daniel Kebalka
Matthew Rathbun
Jesse Moynihan

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

January 1997

Last year, areas of common concern focused heavily on the Cornish School facility. The town voted in May to renovate the heating and ventilation systems in the school. This has made a dramatic difference in the learning environment in all classrooms. We have even noticed a significant difference in the library where School Board meetings are held often late into the night. Either we seem to be covering particularly exciting topics that have kept people on their toes, or we actually have good fresh air circulation that is keeping people wide awake. I'll let those of you who attended these meetings decide.

The school environment, as defined in the broadest sense, is a major topic that continues to be on the minds of parents, teachers, and community members. Presently we are working on an analysis of each program in the school to determine the impact of the facility on the learning that takes place. Lack of space, or appropriate space, is the primary concern. We simply do not have enough classrooms to effectively run the programs we offer.

Enrollment at the school has grown at a steady rate this decade. Will this trend continue, or will we see a leveling off or even decline as we move closer to the new century? The staff at the school will continue to try to make the best decisions possible about the use of the space we have, always looking for the formula that will provide the best service to students.

New Hampshire State Testing

Many of you have heard about the state testing programs for all schools in New Hampshire. Here is a quick primer:

- With few exceptions, all students in grades three, six, and ten take these tests.
- Third grade students are tested in the areas of mathematics and English language arts. Sixth and tenth grade students are tested in English language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies.
- As part of the language arts test the students are asked to complete a writing assignment.
- Individual student results are reported to teachers and parents.
- School and state results are made available to the general public.

The primary purpose of these tests is to help schools develop educational improvement plans to meet the standards outlined in the New Hampshire curriculum frameworks. The frameworks are: challenging curriculum outlines defined for these grades.

We have now had three years of results from third grade testing as well as one year from grade six. The analysis of this data is a critical tool for helping to improve programs and instruction throughout all nine grades.

At the elementary level, we have not been satisfied, particularly with the reading and writing results of our students exiting their third grade year. We are addressing these concerns and have communicated our plans to parents and the community. For example, we have implemented formal spelling, handwriting, and phonics approaches for all children in grades one through three this year and will be implementing other reading and writing changes for the 1997-98 school year.

With only one year of testing under our belts for the sixth grade, we plan to assess our present approach to reading, writing, mathematics, social studies, and science

instruction. We are optimistic that these State Tests will provide solid information for continued school improvement.

Personally I remain committed to working closely with the staff, community, and School Board to assure timely attention to these critical skill areas. The full resources of the principal's office will be brought to this challenge. If you are interested in more information about the State Testing program, please give the school a call.

Once again, I would like to commend the teachers, parents, and community members who have given so much of themselves to further the educational goals of our children. Many of you have heard me say, "it is a moving ship which makes waves". It is with this philosophy that I ask all of you to get on board and be part of the journey.

Respectfully submitted

Scott O. Kalter, Principal

HOT LUNCH REPORT

For the 1995-96 school year

During the 1995-96 school year a total of 19,391 lunches were served; for an average of 110 lunches per day. This total includes 16,238 full-priced lunches, 506 reduced-price lunches, and 2,647 free lunches. There were 880 adult lunches served. The lunch program also serves milk to students who bring their own lunch and to those in kindergarten.

Lunch price remained the same this year, with the price of a child's lunch set at \$1.50 and an adult's lunch at \$2.50. The cost of a reduced-price lunch remained at \$0.40.

In the 1995-96 school year the hot lunch program again earned a small profit of \$3,084; thus reducing the accumulated program deficit to \$1,997. The profit was the second yearly one in a row and we are working hard to completely eliminate the accumulated deficit within the next two school years.

We thank all those who helped make our Hot Lunch Program a success.

Respectfully submitted,
Norma Garcia.
Lunch Manager

BUILDING MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

January 1997

The Building Maintenance Committee of the Cornish elementary school is now completing its second year. It continues to operate with the charge of overseeing the timely maintenance of the school's buildings and grounds to assure the health and safety of all occupants with the most efficient use of taxpayer funds. The current members of the committee are:

Richard Thompson - Chair

Scott Bogle

Scott Kalter

Dave Wood

Dick Baril

Doug Freeland

Jim Osterland

During the year the committee over saw the installation of the new heating-ventilating system for the entire school by ARC of Bradford Vt. Making use of its familiarity with the project, the committee acted as the clerk-of-the-works to avoid any further costs. Several oversights were caught and several improvements were made during the installation, which made the effort well worthwhile. We now have a school that is heated in a very safe and efficient manner, along with a constant and controlled flow of fresh air that will encourage the health of all occupants. Specifically, the direct-fired furnaces of the newest part of the school are no longer in use and every classroom in the entire school has unit-venilators to bring in a proper amount of fresh air at all times.

The next priority in the maintenance of the school is in the oldest part, the upper-wing. With the passing of this year's maintenance warrant article, the committee intends to fix several long-standing problems. First, the present ceiling in the upper-wing hallway will be removed to make access for the installation of a raised insulated attic floor over the hall. The present ceiling leaks a substantial amount of heat into the attic which contributes to the formation of damaging ice-dams that occur quite often. These ice-dams can be very dangerous to the children as well as being damaging to the interior and to the roof. To further minimize ice-damming in this part of the building sufficient attic ventilation will be installed. To complete the project a new ceiling will be installed in the upper-wing. The building maintenance committee and school board ask that you vote yes on this warrant article.

Sincerely,
Richard Thompson
For the Board

SCHOOL NURSE REPORT

1995-96

I was the Cornish Elementary School Nurse one six-hour-day per week for the 1995-96 school term and daily for eighteen hours per week during the fall of 1996.

The health care needs of the student population have continued to grow as the number of students has increased. Individual Health Plans (IHP) were developed for students with chronic health care needs. This has helped to ensure the healthiest and safest environment possible for the students of Cornish.

Within the constraints of my limited time at school, I have continued to work with the guidance counselor to develop and implement a solid health education program for the students. For the upper wing this included varied topics from nutrition and hygiene to adolescent issues and development. One aim of our program is to acquaint students with "enabling" skills that will help them accomplish constructive goals. As time permitted, lower wing students received instruction in health care issues as well.

All students, grades 1-8, were screened for hearing, vision, height, weight, and blood pressure. In addition, all grade 5-8 students were screened for scoliosis (curvature of the spine). Immunization records for all new and transfer students were reviewed with all records updated as needed. Once again MMR booster vaccine, required of all students entering seventh grade, was administered at a free clinic here at school. About 2/3 of the students participate in this program.

Scalp inspections were done periodically throughout the year with no major infestations discovered. My thanks to all parents for your vigilance in this area.

With a more visible presence at the school now, on average I see 22-23 students per day. Most visits are for first aid and prescription medication administration. Injuries seem to come in waves depending on the weather and thankfully, are usually minor in nature. I stand in awe of Dale O'Connor who, until the recent past, not only performed her regular job, but also had to respond to all of the daily first aid needs of the students prior to my increased presence at school.

I am pleased by my expanded presence at the Cornish Elementary School, as it allows me to more fully meet the health needs of the students and staff. I also wish to thank the Cornish School Board, Scott Kalter, Scott Bogle, Jim Jordan, and Doug Freeland for my new office space. It now has a door out to the playground and a sink. It is much appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
Ilsa Pinkson-Burke, RNC

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING
CORNISH SCHOOL DISTRICT
Cornish Elementary School
March 23, 1996**

The annual meeting of the School District of the Town of Cornish, N.H., was held on March 23, 1996, at the Cornish Elementary School. Leland Atwood, Robin Monette, and Ruth Rollins were sworn in as Supervisors of the Checklist by School District Clerk Kathryn Patterson who also swore in Lois Fitts, Paul Rollins, Dale O'Connor, and Sandra Redlands as Ballot Inspectors. Moderator George Edson swore in Kathryn Patterson as Assistant Moderator.

Moderator George Edson opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. After declaring a quorum present, he opened the polls for voting on Article 1 by paper ballot. He then called the business meeting to order at 1 p.m. with a Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Ray Evans presented former Cornish School student Alyson Aiken with the 1996 *Outstanding Young Citizen Award*. The school board hopes to make this award a district meeting tradition. Voters gave Brenda Jordan, who is retiring from the board, a standing ovation as thanks for her eight years of service.

Caroline Storrs announced that the quilts on display had been made by students in the craft course, one of the winter term exploratory courses. The electrical board had been made in the electricity course, another winter term exploratory course. She expressed thanks to Dick Baril for his time as a volunteer teacher of the electricity course. She also thanked him and Kathi Patterson for their work running wires for computer connections and electrical outlets in the classrooms.

Article I: (Election of Officers)

There were 206 ballots cast.

SCHOOL BOARD – Kate Freeland was elected to a three-year term with 139 votes.

Richard Thompson was elected to a three-year term with 91 votes. Dick Baril received 86 votes, and Curt Wyman Sr. received 63 votes.

MODERATOR – George Edson was elected to a one-year term with 186 votes.

TREASURER – Brenda Jordan was elected to a one-year term with 197 votes.

SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK – Kathryn Patterson was elected to a one-year term with 201 votes.

Article II: (Hearing of Reports)

Doug Thayer made the motion, seconded by Larry Duval, that the District accept reports of agents, committees or officers chosen, as reported in the *229th Annual Report*, and pass any vote related thereto. The motion was **passed** by voice vote.

Article III: (Main Budget)

Brenda Jordan moved that the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,851,550 for the support of schools, for the salaries of District officials, agents and employees for payment of statutory obligations, and to authorize the applications against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the State equalization and building funds, together with other income, the School Board to certify to the Selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriations, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the Town. The above amount includes \$1,765,504

for the general fund, \$42,446 for the school lunch fund, and \$43,600 for the federal projects fund. The motion was **seconded** by Ray Evans. The new figure, which is less than the amount stated in the posted warrant, represents the elimination of the cost of a half-time kindergarten teacher position and the elimination of the transfer of \$5,000 to the capital reserve fund.

Brenda then gave an overview of the changes from last year. Part of the increase would pay for added time for the guidance, music, nursing, special education, and physical education positions.

Peter Burling made a **motion to amend** the main motion to ask that the amount be reduced by \$6,000, said sum to be removed from the appropriation for SAU #6 managerial services. This motion to amend was **seconded** by Bob Jaarsma. Although it was explained that the cost of these services was a contracted amount which could not be reduced, the **motion to amend was passed** by a standing vote.

Alan Penfold then **amended** the new main motion to ask that the District further reduce the newly voted amount by \$19,000. David Kibbe **seconded** the motion to amend.

Bill Caterino made the **motion** to place this amendment and the main motion on the table until Article IV is considered. This **motion to table** was **seconded** by Richard Pond and was **passed** by a hand vote.

Article IV: (Heating System Improvement)

The **motion** that the District vote to authorize the School Board to raise and appropriate \$56,300 to improve the heating system was made by Ray Evans and was **seconded** by Judy Rook. After an explanation by Ray Evans of the various proposals and their costs and much discussion of the issues, a **motion** was made by Jim Borchert, **seconded** by Tony Neidecker, that we table this article for consideration at a special school district meeting. The **motion to table** was **passed** by a voice vote.

Peter Burling **made the motion** that the District reconsider the vote on Article IV. After a second by Dave Kibbee, the **motion to reconsider** was **passed** by a unanimous voice vote.

Peter then **made the motion** that we lay Article IV on the table, that we direct the school board to apply to the Superior Court for a special school district meeting, that the District expresses its concern for the unforeseen problems posed by the school's heat and ventilation systems, and desires an opportunity to craft a complete and necessary solution. Kathi Osterland **seconded**. The **motion to table** was **passed** by a unanimous show of hands.

Jim Lukash commented that the School Board should be directed to service and monitor the school's CO detectors.

Article III: (Main budget continued)

Doug Thayer made the **motion** that the District vote to remove Article III from the table. It was **seconded** by Alan Penfold and **passed** by a voice vote.

The discussion of Alan Penfold's motion to reduce the appropriation by \$19,000 was resumed. The motion to amend was **passed** by paper ballot with 148 votes cast: 81 yes and 67 no.

The **amended main motion** that the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,851,525 for the support of schools which balance to be raised by taxes by the Town was then **passed** by a voice vote. (This was the amount stated by the Moderator; however, this amount should have been \$1,826,550. The District had voted to reduce the main motion amount of \$1,851,550 by \$6,000 and by \$19,000, for a total of \$25,000, in two separate amendments.)

Article V: (Officers Salaries)

Myron Kuhre **moved** that the district vote to determine and fix the salaries of the school district officers as follows: school board members, \$200 per member; school district treasurer, \$200; school district clerk, \$30; school district moderator, \$15. The motion was **seconded** by Shirley Bladen and was **passed** by a voice vote.

Article VI: (Other Business)

Ruth Rollins reminded the District that there was going to be a card shower for former Cornish resident and teacher Marjorie Kidder who will be 90 years of age on April 2, 1996. Cards should be sent to 33 1/2 Sullivan Street, Claremont, NH 03743.

Dave Kibbee asked the school board to look into making the teacher's contract a two-year contract.

Alan Penfold corrected the typo on page S17 of the *Town Report*. The "cash on hand" figure should be \$29,420.23 not \$295,420.23.

Fred Weld wanted to know what it would take to have line-item control over the budget. Michael Fuerst answered that the only option was to vote by changing, or eliminating, category amounts.

Brian Meyette asked that Croydon, Grantham, Unity, not Lyme, be included in future presentations of statistics.

Karim Chichakly wanted to know what had happened to the computer committee. Ray Evans said that the board had failed to act and would review it.

Moderator Edson adjourned the business meeting at 5:55 p.m. The polls were closed at 7:00 p.m. The ballots were counted, and the results were announced.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathryn Patterson, Clerk

Editor's Note:

In addition to the amendments to the budget, described in the above minutes of the meeting, the School Board presented to the meeting a budget which had already been reduced from the figures listed on pages S21-S26 of the March, 1996, *Town Report*.

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING CORNISH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Cornish Elementary School
May 28, 1996

A special meeting of the School District of the Town of Cornish, N.H., was held on May 28, 1996, at the Cornish Elementary School. Leland Atwood, Robin Monette, and Ruth Rollins were present as Supervisors of the Checklist. Lois Fitts, Paul Rollins, and Sandra Redlands worked as ballot inspectors.

Moderator George Edson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with a Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. He then announced that Article I would be voted on by checklist and by paper ballot and that the polls would be open for voting for an hour after discussion had ended.

Article I

Ray Evans made the **motion**, **seconded** by Terrie Scott, that the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$185,000 for the purpose of replacing and reconstructing the heating and ventilation system in the school building and to apply toward the cost of the project all grants received in addition to said sum; and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$185,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act, RSA 33; to authorize the School Board to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes, to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof, and to authorize the School Board to invest said monies; to authorize the School Board to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto.

Ray explained that the Board would ask to pass over Article II if this article passed as a 6-year note had been negotiated that would require no interest payment in the first year. He also stated that bathrooms in the older portion of the building would be included in the ventilation update. During the discussion period, voters asked questions or spoke in favor of or against the passing of the bond issue. After the discussion ended at 7:48 p.m., the bond issue was voted on by paper ballot by checklist. At 8:48 p.m., the polls were closed, the ballots were counted, and the results were announced. There were 108 votes cast: 100 yes; 8 no. Since this represented the required 2/3 majority, the bond issue was **passed**.

Article II

Myron Kuhre made the **motion** to pass over this article. After a **second** by Kate Freeland, the motion to pass over **passed** by unanimous voice vote.

Alan Penfold made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Rickey Poor seconded. The motion was passed by a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathryn Patterson, Clerk

Report
School District Treasurer
 for the fiscal year July 1, 1995 to June 30, 1996

Cash on hand July 1, 1995	\$29,420.23
Received from Selectmen (tax monies)	1,553,907.00
Received from Foundation Aide (State of NH)	72,296.76
Received from School Building Aide (State of NH)	12,000.00
Received from Food Service Funds	32,740.31
Received from Cornish Capital Building Fund	10,998.75
Received from Federal Grants	40,818.33
Received from other sources	12,877.60
TOTAL RECEIPTS:	\$1,765,058.98
Less School Board orders paid:	-\$1,759,150.40
Cash on hand June 30, 1996:	\$5,908.58

Special Endowment Funds
 June 30, 1996 fund balances

James Farley Memorial Fund	\$3,838
Gratia T. Huggins Memorial Fund	7,087
Eberhardt Award	416
Ellsworth Atwood Memorial	371
Glen Smith Sportsmanship Award	115
Harriet Runnals Award	713
James Brewster Fitch Scholarship Fund	7,117
Peg Densmore Memorial Fund	690
Clarence Williams Memorial Fund (Sports)	1,123
Clarence Williams Memorial Fund (Resource Room)	1,123
Science Discovery Fund	417
TOTAL ENDOWMENT FUNDS	\$23,010

Respectfully submitted,
 Brenda Jordan
 School Treasurer

School Administrative Unit #6
 Salaries/Cornish apportionment

	TOTAL SALARY		CORNISH SHARE	
	1996-97	1997-98	1996-97	1997-98
Superintendent	\$72,500	\$74,900	\$8,889	\$9,640
Assistant Superintendent	60,450	62,384	7,411	8,029
Business Administrator	56,650	58,463	6,945	7,524
Special Education Director	51,500	53,148	6,314	6,840

Note: In 1996-97 the Cornish share was 12.26%. In 1997-98 it will be 12.87%

CORNISH SCHOOL BUILDING FUND

The Cornish School Building Fund is a result of the Capital Fund drive conducted during 1988 to help pay a portion of the cost of the addition to the school. The proceeds of the fund drive, and interest earned on those contributions, have been used to cover the interest payments to date and to purchase some additional items that were not covered in the original contract price.

Reconciliation (December 31, 1996)

Total Pledges	\$357,376
Pledges Paid to Date	324,126
Percentage of Pledges Paid	91%
Pledges Remaining	\$33,250

<u>INCOME</u>		<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
Pledges Paid to Date	\$324,126	Interest Paid to Date	\$281,767
Interest Earned	32,283	Equip. Purchases & Misc. Exp.	19,233
TOTAL INCOME:	\$356,409	TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	\$301,000

Ledger Balance = \$356,409 – \$301,000 = \$55,409 Bank Balance (Savings 12/31/96) = \$55,409

On January 1, 1997, twenty-one pledges remained unpaid. Several of those are delinquent and may not be paid in full by completion of the fund drive.

Respectfully submitted,
George L. Edson
Fund Drive Chairman

Cornish School District Debt Payment Schedule

(data taken from the 1995 Audit)

REQUIRED PAYMENT			
<u>Period</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
1996 –97	75,000	16,035	91,035
1997 –98	70,000	10,440	80,440
1998 –99	<u>70,000</u>	<u>5,220</u>	<u>75,220</u>
Totals	\$ 215,000	\$ 31,695	\$ 246,695

1997 SCHOOL WARRANT
Cornish School District
State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Cornish qualified to vote in the District affairs:

You are hereby notified to attend the Annual District Meeting at the Cornish Elementary School Gymnasium on Saturday, March 8, 1997 at 10:00 a.m. to act upon the articles set forth in this warrant.

Article I and II of the Warrant will be voted upon by official ballots from the checklist and the polls will remain open for this purpose from 10:00 a.m. in the forenoon until 7:00 p.m. in the evening.

The business session of the School District meeting will commence at 1:00 p.m. in the afternoon at which time the remaining articles will be acted upon.

ARTICLE 1 (Election of District Officials)

To elect a Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer for a one-year term and to elect two members of the School Board, each for three years.

ARTICLE II (Official Ballot Voting)
(by petition)

Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 (Senate Bill 2) to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Cornish School District?

(the School Board does **not** recommend this)

ARTICLE III (Hearing of Reports)

To hear reports of Agents, Committees or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

ARTICLE IV (Main Budget)

To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate TWO MILLION FORTY-THREE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY THREE DOLLARS (\$2,043,553) for the support of schools, for the salaries of District officials, agents and employees for payment of statutory obligations, and to authorize the applications against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the State equalization and building funds, together with other income, the School Board to certify to the select men the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriations, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the Town. The above amount includes \$1,955,231 for the general fund, \$44,722 for the school lunch fund, and \$43,600 for the federal projects fund.

(the School Board recommends this action)

ARTICLE V (Deficit Appropriation)

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of FORTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$45,000) as a deficit appropriation required to fund unanticipated Special Education costs for the 1996-97 school year.

(the School Board recommends this action)

ARTICLE VI (Building Repairs)

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ELEVEN THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY-THREE DOLLARS (\$11,483) for attic insulation and ventilation over the oldest part of the school.
(the School Board recommends this action)

ARTICLE VII (Portable Classroom)

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of FIFTY-FOUR THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$54,175) for the purchase, installation, and first year utility costs for a single unit portable classroom.
(the School Board recommends this action)

ARTICLE VIII (Portable Classroom)

To see if the School District will vote to authorize the school board to enter into a lease agreement for the purpose of leasing a single unit portable classroom, and to raise and appropriate the sum of TWENTY-TWO THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$22,875) for the first year's payment, installation, and utility costs for that purpose. This lease agreement contains an "escape" clause.
(the School Board recommends this action)

ARTICLE IX (Capital Reserve Fund)

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000) to be added to the school district building capital reserve fund previously established.
(the School Board recommends this action)

ARTICLE X (Other Business)

To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS AND SEAL AT SAID CORNISH this 17th day of February, 1997.

Ray Evans, Chair
Richard Thompson, Vice Chair
Myron Kuhre
Katherine Freeland
Theresa Scott
CORNISH SCHOOL BOARD

A True Copy . Attest:

Ray Evans, Chair
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CORNISH SCHOOL BOARD



CORNISH SCHOOL GENERAL FUND REPORT

February 15 1997

Item	Description	Expended 1994-95	Expended 1995-96	Budget 1996-97	Proposed 1997-98	[Col. 4 - Col. 3] \$%
(General Fund: page 1 of 5)						
Regular Education						
101	Teacher's salaries--contract	404,554	448,798	432,919	460,659	27,740 6.4
102	Teacher's salaries--substitute	8,024	10,412	6,000	6,000	0
104	Paraprofessionals	16,066	19,256	21,585	21,355	-230 -1.1
106	Noon aids	50	0	0	0	0
211	Grp. health insurance	52,548	55,192	39,273	53,118	13,845 35.2
212	Dental insurance	3,153	3,620	2,724	3,500	776 28.5
213	Life insurance	736	1,072	855	886	31
214	Worker's Comp. Insur.	6,922	5,100	3,794	4,301	507 13.4
222	NH retirement	10,691	14,853	10,110	12,444	2,334 23.1
230	Social security insur.	46,503	50,929	36,076	37,331	1,255 3.5
260	Unemployment insur.	974	1,341	812	812	0
271	Staff development	4,658	6,641	7,000	7,000	0
441	Equipment repair	2,549	4,463	3,000	3,000	0
611	Supplies	10,761	10,592	9,000	11,500	2,500 27.7
631	Textbooks	5,029	5,806	5,746	5,746	0
632	Consumable workbooks	2,422	2,249	1,744	1,744	0
741	New equipment	1,757	9,353	0	0	0
751	Furniture	0	1,494	0	750	750
REGULAR EDUCATION TOTALS:		\$577,397	\$651,171	\$580,638	\$630,146	\$49,508 8.5
Special Education						
101	Teacher's salaries - contract	39,183	49,902	78,095	80,173	2,078 2.7
103	Tutoring	1,120	80	1,000	1,000	0
104	Paraprofessionals	9,162	11,290	18,283	21,610	3,327 18.2
105	Speech Therapy	14,077	16,951	13,931	13,653	-278 -2.0
200	Payroll taxes & benefits	-----	621	18,615	18,941	326 1.8
331	Psychological testing	6,760	11,236	6,500	7,000	500 7.7
332	Psychological counseling	1,072	1,288	1,000	1,000	0
333	Occupational therapy	4,475	7,063	8,256	10,000	1,744 21.1
519	Transportation	66	211	200	200	0
568	Out-of-district tuition	8,996	6,660	6,000	0	-6,000 -100.0

611 Supplies	485	564	450	450	0
631 Textbooks	159	242	450	450	0
741 New equipment	380	745	0	350	350
SPECIAL EDUCATION TOTALS:	\$85,935	\$106,853	\$152,780	\$154,827	\$2,047
5.5					
Athletics					
108 Salaries	0	1,000	1,000	1,000	0
200 Payroll taxes & benefits	0	11	100	100	0
391 Referees	1,049	1,530	1,000	1,250	250
611 Supplies	1,304	400	0	400	400
ATHLETICS TOTALS:	\$2,353	\$2,941	\$2,100	\$2,750	\$650
31.0					
Attendance and social work	\$0	\$0	\$50	\$50	\$0
0					
Guidance					
129 Salaries	11,705	12,153	11,950	17,160	5,210
200 Payroll taxes & benefits	----	135	3,490	4,075	585
611 Supplies	82	90	250	250	0
630 Textbooks	128	0	250	250	0
GUIDANCE TOTALS:	\$11,915	\$12,378	\$15,940	\$21,735	\$5,795
36.4					
Health					
112 Salaries	3,190	3,324	10,842	11,129	287
200 Payroll taxes & benefits	----	40	1,002	990	-12
611 Supplies	317	440	450	450	0
HEALTH TOTALS:	\$3,507	\$3,804	\$12,294	\$12,569	\$275
2.2					
Library					
117 Salaries	12,348	15,298	16,467	16,906	439
200 Payroll taxes & benefits	----	135	1,924	1,998	74
611 Supplies	261	487	600	600	0
630 Books	2,358	2,216	2,300	2,500	200
640 Periodicals	402	407	500	450	-50
660 Audio-visual supplies	723	717	745	745	0
741 Equipment	224	333	300	275	-25
751 Furniture	614	561	100	0	-100
LIBRARY TOTALS:	\$16,930	\$20,154	\$22,936	\$23,474	\$538
2.4					

Item	Description	Expended 1994-95	Expended 1995-96	Budget 1996-97	Proposed 1997-98	[Col. 4 - Col. 3] \$ \$ %
(General Fund: page 3 of 5)						
School Board Services						
119	School board salaries	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0
271	Training and Development	259	421	250	250	0
300	Auditors	2,650	2,750	2,800	2,800	0
381	Legal services	4,207	2,222	3,000	3,000	0
383	Census	0	0	0	0	0
384	Treasurer	0	400	200	200	0
385	District clerk	0	0	30	30	0
386	Moderator	0	30	15	15	0
387	Election Officials	689	498	400	400	0
551	Annual report	564	750	700	700	0
610	Supplies	0	721	300	300	0
811	NHSBA dues	1,934	2,098	2,144	2,229	85
SCHOOL BOARD SERVICES TOTALS:		\$11,303	\$10,890	\$10,839	\$10,924	\$85 0.8
School Administrative Unit #6						
351	Management services	\$64,498	\$66,543	\$74,755	\$81,238	\$6,483 8.67
School Administration						
111	Salary - Principal	50,000	51,946	52,500	53,907	1,407 2.7
118	Salary - Admin. Assistant	13,731	13,884	15,132	15,538	406 2.7
118	Salary - Part time Secretarial	-----	745	0	0	0
200	Payroll taxes & benefits	-----	745	12,811	14,415	1,604 12.5
271	Staff development	491	229	400	400	0
532	Postage	587	674	400	600	200 50.0
541	Contracted services--advertising	2,513	1,289	1,000	1,000	0
552	Printing	294	357	800	800	0
582	In-district travel	681	1,170	550	550	0
611	Supplies	262	184	350	275	-75 -21.4
801	Principal's fund	136	0	0	0	0
811	Dues	18	50	450	450	0
892	Graduation	102	0	125	125	0
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION TOTALS:		\$68,815	\$70,528	\$84,518	\$88,060	\$3,542 4.2

Operation and Maintenance of Plant

115 Salaries	25,996	22,753	30,098	30,896	798	2.6
200 Payroll taxes & benefits	-----	484	9,126	10,286	1,160	12.7
431 Rubbish removal	2,880	2,112	2,700	2,850	150	5.6
432 Lawn work	0	500	500	500	0	
441 Repairs/Maintenance services	18,320	23,054	9,151	10,250	1,099	12.0
520 Property & Liability insurance	7,516	5,730	3,895	4,285	390	10.0
531 Telephone	3,278	3,068	3,100	3,100	0	
611 Supplies	1,327	5,720	3,500	3,876	376	10.7
651 Natural gas	7,391	9,124	5,000	1,055	-3,945	-78.9
652 Electricity	20,110	18,974	17,000	17,935	935	5.5
653 Fuel oil	3,579	4,235	4,350	5,500	1,150	26.4
741 New equipment	232	1,987	850	850	0	
742 Replacement equipment	38	49,013	450	450	0	
OP. & MAINT. OF PLANT TOTALS:	\$90,667	\$146,754	\$89,720	\$91,832	\$2,112	2.4

Transportation

513 Elementary school transportation	\$49,500	\$51,349	\$52,515	\$54,091	\$1,576	3.0
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Food service

111 Salaries	\$266	\$1,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	0
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Debt Service

830 Principal	80,000	80,000	75,000	107,000	32,000	42.7
840 Interest	27,960	21,997	16,035	20,153	4,118	25.7
DEBT SERVICE TOTALS:	\$107,960	\$101,997	\$91,035	\$127,153	\$36,118	39.7

Interfund Transfers (out)

881 Transfer to Capital Reserve fund	\$2,000	\$4,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	0
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TOTAL: ELEMENTARY SCH. COSTS:	\$1,093,046	\$1,250,862	\$1,190,120	\$1,298,849	\$108,729	9.1
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(general fund: page 5 of 5)

Item	Description	Expended 1994-95	Expended 1995-96	Budget 1996-97	Proposed 1997-98	[Col. 4 - Col. 3] \$\$ %
High School						
561	Tuition	496,219	467,128	538,384	612,382	73,998 13.7
568	Out of district tuition (Special Ed.)	0	13,654	12,000	44,000	32,000
	HIGH SCHOOL TOTALS:	\$496,219	\$480,782	\$550,384	\$656,382	\$105,998 19.3
GENERAL FUND TOTALS:						
		\$1,589,265	\$1,731,644	\$1,740,504	\$1,955,231	\$214,727 12.3
340	Heating/Ventilating project	0	0	185,000	0	-185,000 -100.0

CORNISH SCHOOL NON-TAX REVENUE

General Fund - February 15, 1997

Description	Received 1994-95	Received 1995-96	Budget 1996-97	Proposed 1997-98	[Col. 4 - Col. 3] \$\$ %
Tuition Income	7,602	0	0	0	0
Interest Income	1,159	1,400	1,000	1,000	0
Other Local Revenue	5,330	15,500	1,000	1,000	0
Foundation Aid (State)	82,874	76,583	116,741	157,143	40,402 35.0
School Building Aid	24,000	24,000	22,500	32,100	9,600 43.0
Catastrophic Aid	0	0	0	12,012	12,012
SUBTOTAL NON-TAX REVENUE:	\$120,965	\$117,483	\$141,241	\$203,255	\$60,814 42.7
Transfer from Building Fund	27,960	21,998	16,035	10,440	-5,595
From Capital Reserve Fund	0	32,000	0	0	0
Bank financing	0	0	185,000	0	-185,000
Energy grant	0	14,000	0	0	0
TOTAL NON-TAX REVENUE:	\$148,925	\$185,481	\$342,276	\$213,695	-\$128,581 -37.6

NOTES TO THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET

- A. The missing numbers in the category *Payroll Taxes and Benefits* in the year 1994-95 is due to a change in accounting format which was instituted in 1995-96. Prior to this change the missing numbers were incorporated into other entries.
- B. The interest on the long term debt is paid from the Cornish School Building Fund and so does not affect the taxes imposed on the town. The last interest payment will occur in 1999 when the debt becomes fully paid. A detailed payment schedule is given immediately after the Building Fund Report.

TAX RATE IMPACT REPORT Cornish School District					
	Actual 1994-95	Actual 1995-96	Budget 1996-97	Proposed 1997-98	[Col. 4 - Col. 3] \$% %
Total School Appropriation	1,594,825	1,735,783	1,925,504	1,955,231	29,727 1.5
Plus Deficit Appropriation	11,008	0	0	45,000	45,000
Less Applied Non-tax Revenues	-166,824	-171,481	-342,276	-213,695	128,581 -37.6
Less Use of Fund Balance	0	-13,581	-97	0	97
Less Block Grant (Shared Revenue)	-22,544	-23,761	-23,541	-23,541	0
Net Amount (To be raised by taxes)	<u>\$1,416,465</u>	<u>\$1,526,960</u>	<u>\$1,559,590</u>	<u>\$1,762,995</u>	<u>\$203,405 13.05</u>
Assessed Valuation	\$81,741,458	\$82,571,737	\$82,400,713	\$82,400,713	0
Tax Rate (dollars/\$1000)	\$17.33	\$18.49	\$18.93	\$21.40	\$2.47 13.05%

NOTE: There is an unexplained problem with the figures given in the table above for the year 1994-95. The amount to be raised by taxes and the tax rate are both correct. However the non-tax revenue figure of \$166,824 differs from that given in the preceding Non-Tax Revenue Table by \$17,899. The deficit appropriation of \$11,008 is also correct

CORNISH SCHOOL NON-TAX REVENUE REPORT

Special Funds

Federal Grant Fund	Actual 1994-95	Actual 1995-96	Budget 1996-97	Proposed 1997-98	[Col. 4 - Col. 3] \$
ECIA I & II	31,960	55,370	43,600	43,600	0
FEDERAL GRANT TOTALS:	\$31,960	\$55,370	\$43,600	\$43,600	\$0

Food Service Fund

Federal Lunch Reimbursement	7,828	8,391	8,946	9,372	0
State Reimbursement	962	997	1,400	2,250	0
USDA Commodities	2,977	3,454	0	0	0
Lunch & Milk Sales	30,456	31,141	32,100	33,100	0
Other Revenues	0	0	0	0	0
From the General Fund	0	0	0	0	0

FOOD SERVICE TOTALS:	\$42,223	\$43,983	\$42,446	\$44,722	\$2,276
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FOOD SERVICE REPORT - Cornish School District

	Actual 1993-94	Actual 1994-95	Actual 1995-96	Budget 1996-97	Proposed 1997-98
Lunch & Milk Sales	26,212	30,456	31,141	32,100	33,100
Plus State Reimbursement	1,154	962	997	1,400	2,250
Plus Federal Reimbursement	5,911	7,828	8,391	8,946	9,372
Plus USDA Commodities	2,738	2,977	3,454	0	0
Less Food & milk Purchases	-15,273	-18,778	-19,846	-18,000	-18,560
Less Labor & Benefits	-18,228	-21,399	-21,053	-22,931	-23,550
Less Misc. Expenses	-10	-16	0	-3	0
Net Profit	\$2,504	\$2,030	\$3,084	\$1,512	\$2,612

ORGANIZATION OF THE GENERAL FUND REPORT

The preceding report on the General Fund (the main operating fund of the School District) contains the following information:

1. **The 1994-95 school year:** The books for this year were closed on June 30, 1995. The actual expenditures were reported in March 1996.
2. **The 1995-96 school year:** The books for this year were closed last June 30. The actual expenditures are published here for the first time.
3. **The current school year:** The books for this year will be closed on the approaching June 30. The budget adopted last March is reported here.
4. **The next school year:** The proposed expenditures for the next year.
5. **The funding changes:** The changes between the proposed budget and the current budget expressed in dollars and as a percentage (where appropriate).

General Fund Revenues (from 1996 audit)

Revenue Source	1994-95			1995-96		
	Estimated	Actual	Variance	Estimated	Actual	Variance
Local Taxes	\$1,428,001	\$1,428,001	0	\$1,550,721	\$1,550,721	0
Tuition	0	7,602	7,602	0	0	0
Other Local Revenues	2,000	6,489	4,489	2,900	4,603	1,703
State Funds						
Foundation & Catastr. Aid	82,874	82,874	0	90,583	87,531	(3,052)
School Building Aid	24,000	24,000	0	24,000	24,000	0
School Building Fund	27,960	27,960	0	21,998	21,998	0
Unreserved Fund Balance	29,990	29,990	0	13,581	13,581	0
Expendable Trust Fund	0	0	0	32,000	27,848	(4,152)
TOTAL REVENUES:	\$1,594,825	\$1,606,916	\$12,091	\$1,735,783	\$1,730,282	(\$5,501)

General Fund Expenditures + New Encumb. Funds – Old Encumb. Funds

Expenditure	1994-95			1995-96		
	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	Budgeted	Actual	Variance
Instruction						
Regular Education	\$1,087,718	\$1,075,048	\$12,670	\$1,133,733	\$1,118,875	\$14,858
Special Education	93,408	85,935	7,473	114,481	123,953	(9,472)
Other Instruction	2,000	2,353	(353)	2,100	2,941	(841)
Supporting Services						
Guid./Health/Attendance	15,652	15,421	231	18,905	16,181	2,724
Educational Supplies	16,349	16,930	(581)	21,293	19,847	1,446
School Board Charges	12,745	11,303	1,442	10,795	10,890	(95)
SAU #6 Charges	64,498	64,498	0	66,543	66,543	0
School Administration Costs	61,277	68,815	(7,538)	78,559	70,528	8,031
Plant Operation	80,718	91,679	(10,961)	131,391	142,030	(10,639)
Transportation	49,500	49,500	0	50,985	51,349	(364)
Other Costs	1,000	266	734	1,000	1,500	(500)
Deficit Appropriation	0	0	0	0		
Debt Service						
Principal	80,000	80,000	0	80,000	80,000	0
Interest Charges	27,960	27,960	0	21,998	21,998	0
Funds Transferred Out						
School Building Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trust Funds	2,000	2,000	0	4,000	4,000	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	\$1,594,825	\$1,591,708	\$3,117	\$1,735,783	\$1,730,635	\$5,148

SALARIES, BENEFITS, AND TOTAL COMPENSATION

FICA etc. = FICA + W/C + U/C + Retirement Health etc. = Health Insur. + Dental Insur. + Life Insur.

Name	Experience	SALARY			BENEFITS			COMPENSATION	
		1996-97	1997-98	% Incr.	FICA etc.	%	Health etc.	TOTAL	% Incr.
REGULAR EDUCATION									
Bonhag (40%)	MA+15	11,094	11,391	2.68	1,012	8.9	22	12,425	??
Cassedy (100%)	BA+15	31,015	31,846	2.68	3,674	11.5	2,589	38,109	??
Coolidge (50%)	MA	20,807	21,365	2.68	2,478	11.6	5,211	29,054	??
Crary (100%)	BA	23,905	24,749	3.53	2,865	11.6	5,218	32,832	??
D'Atri (100%)	BA+2	22,400	23,000	2.68	2,665	11.6	5,214	30,879	---
Fuerst (100%)	MA	35,152	36,094	2.68	4,160	11.5	3,963	44,217	??
Little (100%)	BA+30	37,811	38,825	2.68	4,471	11.5	5,245	48,541	??
Mortimer (40%)	BA+15	8,740	8,964	2.56	806	9.0	267	10,037	---
Orlen (100%)	BA	22,985	23,796	3.53	2,755	11.6	2,574	29,125	??
Ranney (50%)	BA	17,288	17,751	2.68	1,555	8.7	34	19,340	??
Redlands (100%)	MA+15	42,020	42,731	1.69	4,917	11.5	2,610	50,258	??
Reed (90%)	MA	16,389	25,242	54.02	2,921	11.6	48	28,211	??
Ruppertsberger (50%)	MA	11,450	11,757	2.68	1,043	8.9	23	12,823	---
Russo (100%)	MA+15	30,460	31,230	2.53	3,604	11.5	5,230	40,064	??
Schneider (100%)	BA	33,371	34,265	2.68	3,951	11.5	3,710	41,926	??
Seidell (100%)	MA	37,815	38,828	2.68	4,471	11.5	5,245	48,544	??
Storrs (100%)	BA+30	37,811	38,825	2.68	4,471	11.5	5,245	48,541	??
SUB TOTAL		\$440,513	\$460,659	5.38	\$51,819	11.2	\$52,448	\$554,926	??
SUBSTITUTES									

REGULAR ED. PARA.									
Gilmore	7.00/hr 37.5/wk 38 wks	9,975	10,246	2.72	1,210	11.8	2,528	13,984	??
Prue	6.75/hr 35/wk 38 wks	8,978	9,217	2.66	1,092	11.8	2,528	12,837	??
Jones	6.40/hr 8/wk 36 wks	1,843	1,892	2.66	226	11.9	0	2,118	---
SPECIAL EDUCATION									
Oszaica (100%)	MA+15	42,045	43,172	2.68	4,967	11.5	2,611	50,750	??
Paul (100%)	MA	36,035	37,001	2.68	4,264	11.5	71	41,336	---
SPEC. ED. PARA.									
Moore	7.00/hr 30/wk 38 wks	7,980	8,197	2.72	740	9.0	0	8,937	??
Ryan	8.45/hr 40/wk 38 wks	12,844	13,194	2.73	1,546	11.7	2,528	17,268	??
Doney	6.40/hr 34/wk 38 wks	8,269	8,488	2.65	1,009	11.9	0	9,497	---

SALARIES, BENEFITS, AND TOTAL COMPENSATION (continued)

Name	Experience	SALARY		BENEFITS		COMPENSATION			
		1996-97	% Incr.	FICA etc.	%	Health etc.	%	TOTAL	% Incr.
SPEECH THERAPY									
Durant	17.59/hr 21/wk 36 wks	13,298	2.67	1,205	8.8	0	0	14,858	??
GUIDANCE									
Filbin (70%)	MA 1y	11,950	43.6	1,505	9.0	2,570	15.0	21,235	----
NURSE									
Pinkson-Burke	15.85/hr 18/wk 38 wks	10,841	2.66	990	8.9	0	0	12,119	??
LIBRARIAN									
Patterson	10.52/hr 28/wk 38 wks	11,193	2.66	1,352	11.8	0	0	12,843	??
Patterson (20%)	BA 7y	5,274	2.67	646	11.9	0	0	6,061	??
NOON AIDE									
Guillette		0	0					0	
ATHLETICS									
		0	0					0	
ADMINISTRATION									
Principal	20y	52,500	2.68	6,855	12.7	5,554	10.3	66,316	??
O'Connor	\$291/wk 52 wks	15,132	2.64	2,006	12.9	0	0	17,544	??
CUSTODIAN									
Bogle	11.22/hr 40/wk 52 wks	23,334	2.68	4,124	17.2	5,216	21.8	33,299	??
Bennett	6.50/hr 20/wk 52 wks	6,760	2.62	933	13.4	13	0.2	7,883	??
GRAND TOTALS:		\$724,764	\$748,986	4.53	11.6	\$76,067	10.2	\$912,083	??

NOTES:

- A. Full benefits for Coolidge are grandfathered.
- B. A 94-142 grant income of \$8,269 is expected to offset some of the Spec. Ed. Para. cost.
- C. The % increase in total compensation is based on the total compensation published in the 1996 Town Report. In the 1996 Town Report the Sub Total of "Health etc." costs for Regular Education was given as \$53,277. This amount was in agreement with the same costs shown in the 1996-97 proposed budget (page S21). However, in this year's report (see page S19) the costs (now called the 1996-97 budget) only total \$42,852. This unexplained difference eliminated the possibility of reliably calculating the % increase in total compensation for use in this year's chart.

Ten-year Enrollment History

Cornish Elementary School

	Grade									Total
	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
Jan. 1997	19	29	20	36	32	32	26	24	32	250
Jan. 1996	28	16	35	32	26	25	23	32	26	243
Jan. 1995	16	33	23	25	28	23	33	26	29	236
Jan. 1994	30	25	25	27	22	28	27	27	15	226
Jan. 1993	26	26	27	23	29	25	27	15	27	225
Jan. 1992	25	28	22	30	25	26	14	28	24	222
Jan. 1991	27	27	29	25	25	17	26	20	20	216
Jan. 1990	28	30	26	26	20	25	20	21	12	208
Jan. 1989	37	22	26	21	25	18	23	12	20	204
Jan. 1988	21	25	23	24	21	21	14	19	22	190

The chart above shows the 10-year enrollment history of the Cornish Elementary school. The diagonal lines can be used to follow the size of each class as it progressed from grade to grade through the school. The extreme right-hand column gives the total enrollment figures.

The chart below shows the events which caused the enrollment changes to occur. Aging is caused by the graduation of grade 8 students and the arrival of a new Kindergarten class. Moving is caused by families moving into, and out of, the school district.

Analysis Of 10-year Enrollment History

Cornish Elementary School

Year	Change Due To		Net Change
	Aging	Moving	
1996-97	-7	+14	+7
1995-96	-1	+8	+7
1994-95	+1	+9	+10
1993-94	+3	-2	+1
1992-93	+2	+1	+3
1991-92	+5	+1	+6
1990-91	+15	-7	+8
1989-90	+8	-4	+4
1988-89	+15	-1	+14

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON THE INTERNAL CONTROL STRUCTURE BASED ON AN AUDIT OF GENERAL-PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

To the Members of the School Board
Cornish School District
Cornish, New Hampshire

We have audited the general-purpose financial statements of the Cornish School District, as of and for the year ended June 30, 1996, and have issued our report thereon, which was qualified as indicated therein, dated October 5, 1996.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general-purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement.

The management of the Cornish School District is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of internal control structure policies and procedures. The objectives of an internal control structure are to provide management with reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that assets are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of general-purpose financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Because of inherent limitations in any internal control structure, errors or irregularities may nevertheless occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of the structure to future periods is subject to the risk that procedures may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of the design and operation of policies and procedures may deteriorate.

In planning and performing our audit of the general-purpose financial statements of the Cornish School District for the year ended June 30, 1996, we obtained an understanding of the internal control structure. With respect to the internal control structure, we obtained an understanding of the design of relevant policies and procedures and whether they have been placed in operation, and we assessed control risk in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the general-purpose financial statements and not to provide an opinion on the internal control structure. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Cornish School District

Independent Auditor's Report on the Internal Control Structure Based on an Audit of General-Purpose Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards

Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might be material weaknesses under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the specific internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors or irregularities in amounts that would be material in relation to the general-purpose financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control structure and its operations that we consider to be material weaknesses as defined above.

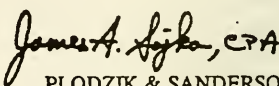
A matter which came to our attention which we discussed with management or the specific individuals involved is as follows:

CORNISH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ACTIVITIES FUND

It appears that one individual is responsible for writing, signing, and approving all transactions. No written approval from the Principal was seen for any transactions. We recommend that the Principal sign all checks and approve all transactions of this fund.

This report is intended for the information of management and the School District. However, this report is a matter of public record, and its distribution is not limited.

October 5, 1996


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